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BIRTHS.

MATHEWS—December 6, 1923, at Private Nursing Home, 12 Upper Leeson st., to Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Mathews, "Iona," Oaklands Park, Ballsbridge, a daughter.

MOONEY—December 4, 1923, at "Glen Faba," Stanley av., Wallasey, Cheshire, the wife of Desmond Mooney, of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

FAULL and SHERWOOD—June 14, 1923, at St. Michael's Church, Sydney, Percival C. W. Faull, of Plymouth, England, to Irene F. Sherwood, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Sherwood, Dublin, Ireland.

McCARTHY and O'CONNELL-MURPHY—November 14, 1923, at Johannesburg, Captain Louis J. McCarthy, M.C. (late Queen's Royal West Surrey Regiment), Solicitor, Johannesburg, to Peggie, daughter of the late O'Connell-Murphy, Breemount, Trim, and Mrs. O'Connell-Murphy, 89 Quartz st., Hospital Hill, Johannesburg.

DEATHS.

ANNOUNCEMENTS received late for insertion in this column will be found on Page 6.

BATT—December 13, 1923, at his residence, Bromley rd., London, after a long illness, Samuel (Sam), for many years connected with the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin. Deeply regretted. R.I.P.

BLAKE—December 12, 1923, at his residence, Gortnamona, Killiney, Valentine Alec, late Major of Scottish Rifles, son of Valentine Fitzpatrick Blake, J.P. Funeral private. No flowers, by request.

BURRISS—On Friday, December 7, 1923, in Dublin, Frances Burriss, widow of the late Richard Burriss, Esq., of Ballintemple, Cloughjordan.

CARTER—December 11, 1923, at 4 Burlington Court, Chiswick, London, Rebecca Catherine, the widow of the late William Bellingham Carter, M.Inst.C.E., P.W.D., India.

CREASER—December 11, 1923, at The Mall, Drogheda, Thomas Creaser, aged 82. Funeral from The Mall, 12 o'clock, to-day (Friday) to Beaulieu.

CULLINAN—December 13, 1923, at his residence, Carrollstown, Trim, Patrick J. Cullinan, aged 67 years. R.I.P. High Mass at 11.15 o'clock to-morrow (Saturday) morning at Trim Church. Funeral same day at 2 o'clock to Bective. No flowers, by request.

EVANS—December 13, 1923, at Newtown Veray, Bray, Rebecca Jane Evans, aged 76 years. Funeral private.

HEALY—December 13, 1923, at her residence, Emerald Lodge, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, Catherine Honoria, widow of the late John B. Healy. R.I.P. Funeral from SS. Alphonsus and Columba Church, Ballybrack, after 8.30 o'clock Requiem Mass, to-morrow (Saturday) morning for Glasnevin.

HYDE—December 13, 1923, at his residence, 12 Lower Wellington st., Dublin, William Hyde, senior. R.I.P. Funeral (private) from St. Joseph's Church, Berkeley rd., after 10 o'clock Mass, to-morrow (Saturday) morning.

JENNINGS—December 12, 1923, at his residence, 3 Connaught tce., Garville av., Rathgar, the Rev. Canon John A. Jennings, M.A., for 22 years Rector of Harold's Cross Parish. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday) to Harold's Cross Church and Mount Jerome at 8.45 a.m.

JOHNSTON—December 13, 1923, at Mater Hospital, Belfast, Alexander Clinchy (Sandy), dearly-beloved son of Isabella Johnston, formerly of Corboy, Co. Longford. Funeral to-morrow (Saturday), by motor, from Belfast, arriving at Corboy about 1.30 p.m. Inserted by his mother and brothers (Albert, Harry, and Ernest).

MARTIN—December 8, 1923, at Stone House, near Dartford, Kent, Helen Mary Martin, eldest daughter of the late John Martin, of Killarney, Co. Kerry, and 45 Grosvenor square, Rathmines.

MOYLAN—December 13, 1923, William Francis Moylan, only son of the late John B. Moylan. On whose soul, Sweet Jesus, have mercy. Funeral from S. Mary's Church, Rathkeale, to-day (Friday), December 14th.

SHINE—December 12, 1923, at Alexandra Hotel, Kingstown, Kate, youngest daughter of the late Jeremiah Shine, Coolyhenan, Limerick. R.I.P.

TYRER—December 11, 1923, at his residence, 16 Phibsborough rd., Dublin, John Tyrer, Watchmaker, late of 5 Crampton Court. R.I.P. Funeral this (Friday) morning, after 10 o'clock Mass, from Berkeley rd. Chapel to Glasnevin. English and Australian papers please copy.

IMPORTANT.—As announcements for this column, if posted on Saturday, cannot reach this office in time for Monday's paper, they should be sent by telegram.

MONTH'S MIND.

The Month's Mind of the late Canon Eaton, P.P., will take place at St. Patrick's, Monkstown, on Tuesday, December 18th. Office and High Mass will begin at 11 a.m. R.I.P.

IN MEMORIAM.

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Dated the 13th day of December, 1923.

A. J. O'DONOGHUE, Solicitor, 40 Dame street, Dublin.

SAORSTAT EIREANN.

PURSUANT to an Order of the Chancery Division of the High Court of Justice, made in a Cause "THE ROYAL BANK OF IRELAND, LIMITED, v. HUGH McCARROLL and BRIDE McCARROLL" (1923, No. 172), all persons claiming to be Incumbrancers affecting (1) the Lands and Premises comprised in a certain Indenture of Assignment dated the 30th day of May, 1921, and made between Louis McMullan of the one part, and Bride McCarroll, of the other part—that is to say, certain premises situate on the west side of Oakley road and on the south side of Charleston road, Rathmines, and other premises lying on the south side of Charleston road, aforesaid, and all situate in the Parish of St. Peter, Barony of Upper Cross and County of Dublin. (2) The Policy of Assurance on the life of the Defendant, Hugh McCarroll for the sum of £500, effected with the Guardian Assurance Company, and dated the 24th day of May, 1922, No. 55533, are, by their Solicitors, to enter and prove their claims at the Chambers of the Chancery Judge, Law Courts, Dublin, on or before the 11th day of January, 1924, or in default thereof they will be peremptorily excluded from the benefit of the said Order. Every claimant holding any security is to produce the same before the said Chancery Judge at his Chambers, Law Courts, Dublin, on the 14th day of January, 1924, at 11 of the clock in the forenoon, being the time appointed for adjudicating on the claims.

Dated this 5th day of December, 1923.

THOS. W. ELLERKER, Chief Clerk.

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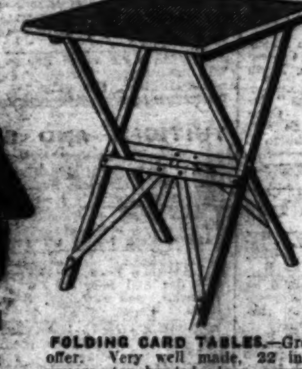

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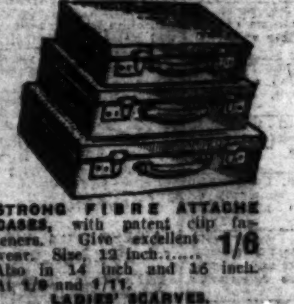

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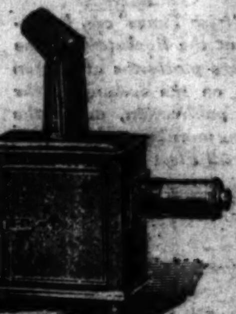

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DENTIST seeks position as Operator or Mechanic, or both, part or whole time; 25 years' experience; first class [illegible].—D 1030, this office. 10 E

DENTAL Practice, well established, for Sale, Free State; books kept. Address "Z 3271, Medical," this office. 11 F

JUNIOR Man, [illegible] years' city experience, desires position in Dublin Pharmacy; highest references; T.T. Address "Z 3263, Medical," this office. 11 F

TRAINED Nurses Wanted (immediately, South Wales, Co-op system. Apply Matron, Bryngwyn, Newport, Mon. 24 X

MALE SERVANT WANTED.

GENERAL Man Wanted, Meath, Protestant, care horse and trap, garden, etc.; live in house; wages £36; send copies. Address "Z 3305, Man," this office. 12 A

REQUIRED at once, temporary Groom; must be a light weight and a good rider.—Corbally, Newbridge House, Donabate. 12 E

WANTED at once, Youth, with knowledge of gardening, as General Man; £40, all found. Reply, with copy of references, D 1132, this office. 11 F

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS WANTED.

WANTED immediately after Xmas, R.C. Working Gardener, married; must thoroughly understand his duties, vines, peaches, etc.; wife mind gate lodge and dairy if required. Address, stating terms, etc., "Z 3328, Gardener," this office. 13 A

MALE STEWARDS DISENGAGED.

CONSTABULARY Pensioner, Protestant, single, wants situation as Herd, Caretaker, or suitable employment; experienced. Address "Z 3296, Herd," this office. 12 A

HANDYMAN, plain gardening, single, drive, all repairs, Ford car; highest reference; generally useful. Address "Z 3298, Handyman," this office. 12A

INDOOR Manservant wishes position in gentleman's family; good cook; car wait; best discharges.—D 1140, this office. 11 F

STEWARDS AND GARDENERS DISENGAGED.

A QUALIFIED Gardener is open to take on Contract Work, pruning, planting, renovating old gardens, or laying out new; tennis courts a speciality; estimates free.—D 1005, this office. 11 F

GARDENER—General Man, single, seeks employment; first class references; I.C. Address "Z 3241, Gardener," this office.

GARDENER, experienced, wants daily, weekly, or contract work; tennis courts, grass or hard sand.—James Hopkins, Edmondstown, Rathfarnham. 12 A

TENNIS Court Expert; all kinds of Gardening, Planting and Pruning; terms moderate; distance no object.—Horlis, 18 Ballsbridge avenue, Dublin. 13 B

DOMESTICS WANTED.

WANTED, respectable young Girl, assist Light Housework, two mornings a week; Ranelagh district.—D 1018, this office. 12 E

WANTED, country Girl, help housework, milk two cows, wash; age, reference, wages.—Mrs. Smith, Greenfields, Swords.

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COOK General and House Parlourmaid, or Married Couple, private family.—Mrs. Smith, Morwenna, Llandudno.

COOK (Good Plain) Wanted; young kitchenmaid kept. Write Mrs. Tyrwhitt Drake, Tower House, Arundel, Sussex, England.

EXPERIENCED Cook General Wanted, temporary. Apply Cultra, Glenageary. 12 A

RELIABLE Girl or Woman Wanted, Good Cook; outdoor.—53b Rathmines road.

WANTED for Surrey, Cook General and House Parlourmaid, January 1st; 3 in family; every comfort; good wages, good outings; references essential. Apply de Burgh, Pendower, Blechingley, near Redhill. 12 F

WANTED immediately, young Cook General or superior General for Rathgar; house parlourmaid kept; no scrubbing; wages £30. Apply, with copies, D 1237, this office.

WANTED, good Cook General immediately. Apply Mrs. Stewart, Laughton, Kingstown. 13 F

GENERALS WANTED.

A GENERAL Servant Wanted; must be well recommended; fare refunded. Apply by letter, Passer, 74 Anthony street, Commercial road, London. 11 F

GENERAL Servant required, Co. Dublin, small house, family two; early riser; £24. Address "Z 3281, General," this office. 11 F

GOOD General Wanted; references. Apply 13 Stamer street. 12 E

GENERAL Wanted; young, active, willing trained cook; Protestant preferred; willing to go to England after Christmas. Apply, giving full particulars, age, wages, etc., to D 1212, this office. 12 A

GENERAL Wanted, adult family (3); strictly trustworthy, bear highest references; good wages, comfortable home; country preferred.—34 Longwood avenue. 13 F

GENERAL Wanted; plain cooking, small washing; three in family; man kept; wages £20.—Mrs. Brandon, Lancaster, Ballinasloe. 13 F

SETTLED General Wanted, clean, tidy, fond of children; kind home; good outings.—D 1198, Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown.

WANTED immediately, superior General and Nurse; good references essential. Apply 27 Marlborough road, Donnybrook, between 5 and 6 o'clock. 10 E

WANTED, a young General Servant, understands cooking, for small family. Apply to D 996, this office. 11 F

WANTED, experienced General Servant; good plain cook. Apply, between 5 and 6, to Glenavon, Eighfield road, Rathgar. 11 F

WANTED immediately, for a small house, a good General Servant. Apply 27 St. Mary's road, Pembroke. 13 F

YOUNG experienced General, small family; some washing; good outings and good wages. Apply, after 6 o'clock, 16 Haddon road, Clontarf. 13 F

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS WANTED.

HOUSE Parlourmaid Wanted, early January, country, Co. Kildare; good references required. Address "Z 3292, House Parlourmaid," this office. 12 E

WANTED, Parlourmaid and Housemaid. Write, stating age, wages, as when disengaged, and enclose copies, to Furness, Naas. 11 F

WANTED for city, young, experienced House Parlourmaid; small family; good wages.—D 1274, this office.

WANTED immediately, House Parlourmaid. Apply, after 6 o'clock, 11 Elgin road, Ballsbridge.

NURSES WANTED.

AGENT for NURSES, MAIDS, and ATTENDANTS. Miss Bellingham Todd, 5 Grafton st., Dublin. Interviews daily. Tel. No. 5258. T

WANTED for Co. Waterford Nurse, to mind three children. Address "Z 3270, Nurse," this office. 11 F

WANTED, London, by Irish Lady, respectable, experienced R.C. Woman as Nurse Housemaid, infant; good wages suitable person; send copies testimonials. Address "Z 3251, Maid," this office. 10 E

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LEGAL APPOINTMENTS.

EXPERIENCED LAW CLERK FOR SOLICITOR'S Office. Apply at 20 Molesworth street, Dublin, or Osborne, Milford, Co. Donegal. 10 A

WANTED, Shorthand Typist, first class, experienced in legal work, for Newry. Address, stating age, salary, with copies testimonials, "Z 3213, Typist," this office. 8 8

HOTELS AND RESTAURANTS. OFFICIALS, SERVANTS, ETC.

POSITIONS VACANT.

HOUSE Parlourmaid, R.C., Wanted as Waitress for country hotel; remuneration good. Apply, with copies references, "Z 3321, House Parlourmaid," this office. 13 B

KITCHENMAID required immediately after Xmas; good wages given. Apply, with references, Prince Wales Hotel, Athlone. 13 F

PANTRY Boy required immediately after Xmas. Apply, with references, Prince Wales Hotel, Athlone. 13 F

REPRESENTATIVES WANTED.

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For Agricultural Seed Firm. Preference given to those already representing manufacturers of feeding stuffs or fertilisers. Liberal terms to men of good connection and first class ability. Only applications from men attending fairs and with established connection amongst farmers will be considered. Address "Z 3057, Agents," this office. 23 4

AGENT Wanted for Sale of Corks; connection amongst bottlers necessary. Address "Z 3295, Agents," this office. 12 A

AGENT Wanted, show London Manufacturers' Underskirt and Princess samples, to wholesale only, all Ireland; copies references. Write Box B 702, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet street, London, E.C. 4. 11 X

MARTIN Mahony and Bros., Ltd., Blarney, Woollen and Worsted Manufacturers and Yarn Spinners, want Dublin Representative. Apply, with copies references, etc., by letter only, marked "Representative," to their office, 40 Drury street, Dublin. 10 F

TRAVELLER Wanted by a Dublin Wholesale Shirt and Hosiery House; must have good, sound connection over the Southern journey. Apply, with copies references and full particulars, D 1264, this office. 13 F

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WANTED immediately, Gentleman as Partner in Manufacturer's Agency, Dublin; whole time; no capital required. Apply, with copies references, D 1165, this office. 12 E

AGENCIES AND SITUATIONS WANTED.

ADVERTISER, first rate connection West and Midlands, requires Job, Traveller Wines, Spirits, Teas, best of references, etc. Address "Z 3242, Traveller," this office. 10 E

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GENTLEMAN would Represent Coal Merchants; commission and travelling expenses only; good salesman.—D 1235, this office.

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ALL Professional and University Prelims., Oral and Correspondence. Success list free.—McGUIRE'S COLLEGE, Sackville street, Dublin. T

LADY seeks position Shorthand and Typewriting Teacher, certificated, registered.—Box B 699, Irish Times Branch Office, 59 Fleet st., London, E.C. 4. 7 X

MADAME Bock, I.S.D.T.—Children's Classes, Wednesday and Saturday, 4 p.m.; Adults', Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, 8 p.m.—40 Upper O'Connell street. 'Phone 4123. 28 X

NEEDLEWORK, Dressmaking, Embroidery Classes—Private Lessons, competent Teacher (certificated).—D 1217, this office. 12 A

PHOTOGRAPHS in the "Weekly Irish Times" today include:—New Peace Commissioners; Civic Guard Officers; Civic Guards at Bray; Weights and Measures Inspectors; Dublin Cattle Market Personalities; Presentation to Governor-General; Judges and Stewards at Dublin Fat Stock Show; Kerry Agricultural Students, and Royal Irish Industries Association. F

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TRAINED, experienced, first class Governess, I.C., disengaged; coaches for schools.—E. T., Irish Times Branch Office, Kingstown. 13 F

WONDERS of Wireless—A Special Correspondent in the "Weekly Irish Times" indicates some of the pleasures in store for people in the Free State when the wireless period opens here. F

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WANTED, Tuition and conversational practice in Russian Language pending an examination. Address "Z 3195, Tuition," this office. 8 8

WANTED, Teacher for Sheeuns N.S., Co. Wicklow; average attendance 10; local aid. Apply Manager, Ballard Rectory, Rathdrum. 11 F

WANTED, Governess for two children, 10 and 8, town, Co. Kildare; state age, salary, reference, etc. Address "Z 3308, Governess," this office. 12 A

EMPLOYMENT WANTED.

BARMAID having four years' experience of above is anxious to hear of a vacancy before Xmas, city or suburbs. Address "Z 3313, Barmaid," this office. 12 A

CLERGYMAN'S Daughter, young, wants post as Companion Help, or willing to run small house or flat, in Dublin; moderate salary. Address "Z 3322, Companion," this office.

CHARTERED Accountant—B. Comm. (Honours) desires experience; temporary post accepted; moderate salary. Address "Z 3335, Accountant," this office.

DRESSMAKER, experienced, wants work ladies' houses; costumes, children's clothes.—D 1171, this office. 12 A

DAIRY, Grocery—Good Business Girl requires situation; experienced.—D 1189, this office. 13 F

EX-BRITISH Serviceman (R.F.A.) seeks employment indoor or outdoor; references for clerical work; expert horseman.—D 1145, this office. 11 F

JUNIOR Shorthand Typist, Bookkeeper, seeks position; highly recommended.—D 1240, this office. 13 B

LADY, age 17, Sounder, desires post in Telegraph Office or Sub Office; free service for experience; references.—D 1129, this office. 11 E

LADY recommends highly respectable Woman (Husband working mechanic) as Caretaker in Flats or Offices; Protestant.—D 1219, this office. 13 E

LADY, beginner, 16½, wishes post as Shorthand Typist or Bookkeeper, Rathmines, Rathgar, or Terenure district; small salary; highest reference; Protestant.—R O 935, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines.

MAN, 37, capable, energetic, small pension, wishes Employment, any capacity, town or country; best references; T.T.—D 1100, this office. 11 F

MIDDLE aged Man, with experience as railway clerk, having knowledge of bookkeeping, invoicing, French, shorthand, typewriting, photography, wishes to return from England to Ireland, and obtain employment as Clerk. Address "Z 3318, Clerk," this office.

SHOP Assistant seeks position; four years' experience; highly recommended.—D 1238, this office. 13 B

WANTED, position of Hall Porter or Caretaker; good recommendations.—D 1231, this office. 13 B

YOUTH, 20, desires position, Clerical Work, city office; highest reference; moderate salary.—D 961, this office. 10 E

YOUNG Lady desires post as Secretary or Clerk; five years' experience.—D 1218, this office. 12 A

YOUNG Lady (28) urgently seeks any position of trust. Companion Help, housekeeping duties; highest testimonials; Dublin or North side preferred; £40-£52. Address "Z 3309, Lady," this office. 12 F

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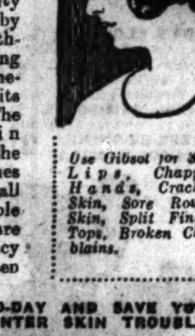

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DUBLIN SALE IN AID OF FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The annual sale of the Women's Auxiliary to the W.M. Missionary Society was held yesterday in the schoolroom of the Methodist Centenary Church, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, the object of the sale being to raise funds to relieve the urgent need on the mission field. Mr. W. M. Elliott presided at the opening ceremony, and spoke encouragingly of the work of the Women's Auxiliary.

Mrs. R. H. White declared the sale open, and said that she hoped it would be even more successful than that of last year, when £190 was realised.

In addition to the attractions of the stalls, there was a special afternoon concert for children and an evening concert for adults. Amongst the stallholders were Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Brittain, Miss Thompson, Mrs. White, Miss Crawford, Mrs. Irwin, Mrs. Rogers, Miss Burgess and Dr. Campbell.

DIGESTIVE TROUBLES SO SOON GET WORSE

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YESTERDAY'S CASES IN THE COURTS.

RATE COLLECTOR'S BOND.

AN IMPORTANT CASE.

The hearing was resumed at the Law Courts, Dublin Castle, yesterday, of the action in which the Monaghan County Council sued Patrick Byrne, one of their rate collectors, to recover £483 odd in respect of rates outstanding in last year's collection. This amount had not been lodged under defendant's bond for £700 given by the London and Lancashire Insurance Company. The defendant's case was that he had not contracted to collect the rates for last year under his bond, but had agreed to collect and lodge as much of the rates as possible, which he had done.

At the resumed hearing yesterday morning the case was withdrawn from the jury, and counsel were heard on points of law which were raised in the trial.

For the defendant it was argued that there was a new agreement entered into between the County Council and the defendant, by which the collectors were only to be responsible to the County Council for such rates as they could succeed in collecting owing to the disturbed state of the country, and not for all the rates, whether collected or not, as they would otherwise have been under the terms of their old bond. It was further argued that it was competent for the County Council to enter into such a modified contract without having it under seal, because it was an urgent necessity for them to have the rates collected.

For the plaintiffs it was submitted that, as the County Council was a statutory body and acted under the Local Government Act and rules, they could only enter into such a contract in accordance with the rules and regulations, that there must be a bond, and that the bond under which the defendant collected had never been cancelled or rescinded.

Mr. Justice Pim gave judgment in favour of the County Council for the full amount claimed, but without costs, as he believed that the collector was a decent man, who had done his work well under the circumstances. His lordship was sorry that the matter had not been adjusted without the intervention of the Court. He would put a stay on the judgment until the 1st February, in order that the defendant, if so advised, might carry the case to the Court of Appeal. In the meantime a settlement might be arrived at.

A second similar action by the County Council against Mr. James McBennett, another collector, was adjourned till the 1st February.

Mr. McCann, K.C.; Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. Lavery (instructed by Mr. Henry Murphy) appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Serjeant Hanna and Mr. Vincent Rice (instructed by Messrs. Bailie and Co.) for the defendant.

A GUARANTEE PERIOD.

AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY'S CLAIM.

Before Lord Justice O'Connor and a city special jury, the case of the Irish Agricultural Wholesale Society, Ltd., v. Shelly and others came on for hearing. The defendants—John Shelly, Castletown, Mountrath; Catherine B. Murphy, Rushin, Mountrath; Joseph Deegan, Mountrath; Patrick Duggan, Mountrath; Edward Murphy, Clondouglas, Mountrath, and Fintan Daly, Cloncourse, Mountrath—were sued for £1,704 4s. 9d. for goods supplied to the South Queen's County Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., payment of which the plaintiffs alleged the defendants guaranteed to them as agents for Edward O'Keefe, Ltd., Mill street, Dublin, during a guarantee period.

The defendants denied that they gave any guarantee, that the plaintiffs sold any goods to the society in consideration of any guarantee, that the society had not paid for any goods covered by the alleged guarantee; and said that any goods supplied to the society during the year 1921 covered by the alleged agreement were paid for by the society in cash or in kind, and that the plaintiffs had received in cash or kind payment sufficient, and more than sufficient, to pay for any goods ordered during the year 1921. The defendants claim that they are entitled to credit for all payments since the alleged guarantee.

Serjeant Hanna, K.C., Mr. Sullivan, K.C., and Mr. J. Costello (instructed by Messrs. J. T. Doyle and Co.) appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. H. D. Conner, K.C.; Mr. Gerald FitzGibbon, K.C., and Mr. John O'Byrne (instructed by Mr. W. White) for the defendants.

The jury, by direction of his Lordship, found in favour of the plaintiffs in the sum of £1,444, on the ground that they were entitled to appropriate payments to the general account, and not to the goods supplied under the guarantee period; and his Lordship entered judgment accordingly, granting a stay of execution until the second day of next sittings.

His Lordship gave judgment for the defendant Fintan Daly on the ground that there was no evidence that he had signed the guarantee.

KROPP RAZORS.

TRADE MARK ACTION.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, in the case of Osborne Garrett and Co., Ltd., of London, against Carty McConnell, Ltd., of Abbey street, Dublin,

Mr. Maurice Walker (instructed by Messrs. D. and T. Fitzgerald) applied on behalf of the plaintiffs to have a consent made a rule of Court. The action had been brought in respect of the infringement of a trade mark relating to the manufacture of razors, an injunction being sought restraining the defendants from using the trade mark name of "Kropp" in connection with the manufacture, importation, or sale of razors other than the razors manufactured by the plaintiffs, and damages also.

The consent provided that the title in the action should be amended by substituting the Irish Import Corporation, Ltd., as defendants, the above-mentioned defendants having, subsequent to the commencement of the action, changed their name by special resolution to that of the Irish Import Corporation, Ltd., and that a perpetual injunction should be granted restraining the defendants from manufacturing, importing, or selling razors, either bearing the plaintiffs' trade mark "Kropp" or put up in cases bearing that trade mark, not being razors manufactured by the plaintiffs.

The sum of £20 lodged in court by the defendants with their statement of defence was to be paid out to and accepted by the plaintiffs in full settlement of their claim for damages, the defendants agreeing to pay to the plaintiffs the sum of £32 as their costs of the action.

The Master of the Rolls made the consent a rule of Court.

CORK FARMERS AT LAW.

A SETTLEMENT.

In the Chancery Division, before the Master of the Rolls, a settlement was announced in the case of Loughlin v. Lynch, which had been partly heard on Wednesday, and the case was struck out of the list.

Mr. Leonard, K.C., who, with Mr. Conner, K.C., and Mr. Moloney (instructed by Messrs. Moloney and Son), appeared for the plaintiff, addressing the Master of the Rolls, stated that a settlement had been arranged on terms satisfactory to all parties. As the settlement had been made on a cash basis, they did not want to have any order made by the Court, but simply that the case should be struck out.

The Master of the Rolls directed the case to be struck out accordingly.

Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., who, with Mr. H. Wilson, K.C., and Mr. J. M. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr. John L. Keane), appeared for the defendant, also stated that the terms of settlement were satisfactory to the Bank of Ireland and the other parties in the action.

The action had been brought by John Loughlin, farmer, of Burgess, Killeagh, Co. Cork, as administrator of his deceased wife, Hannah Loughlin (*née* Lynch), against John and Maurice Lynch, uncles of the deceased, and the Bank of Ireland, claiming a declaration that certain moneys, stocks and shares, and securities, etc., amounting to a considerable sum, standing in the names of the two uncles in the Youghal branch of the Bank of Ireland, were held in trust for the plaintiff as husband and personal representative of the deceased. The defence was practically a traverse of the cause of action.

No active relief was sought against the bank.

The terms of settlement were not disclosed.

Sir Colin Rees-Davies (Chief Justice of the Bermudas) has been appointed First Puisne Judge of Trinidad and Tobago.

WRIT-SERVING IN GALWAY.

SERVICE BY POST ALLOWED.

In the Court of Appeal, before the Lord Chief Justice and Lord Justice Ronan, the appeal of E. O'Keeffe, Ltd., v. St. Enda's Co-operative Society and others came on for hearing.

Mr. Carson (instructed by Messrs. Hayes and Sons), who appeared for the plaintiffs, said that this was an appeal from the order of Mr. Justice Dodd refusing to give them liberty to substitute service by post upon the defendants. The judge set out in his order that the grounds of his refusal were "the Court, being of opinion they could not override the statement of the Minister of Home Affairs, that he did not consider the present state of the country was such as to make it necessary to provide military protection for the service of writs."

Lord Justice Ronan said that he did not agree with Mr. Justice Dodd that the Court could not over-ride the statement of the Minister.

Counsel said that the action was brought for the recovery of the sum of £236 16s. 7d., the amount due by the defendants to the plaintiffs for goods sold and delivered, and the process server was anxious to serve the writs, but he honestly believed he could not do so without protection. As he could not get the necessary protection, counsel asked for leave to substitute service by post. There were two other appeals of a similar nature.

Lord Justice Ronan asked where did the parties reside.

Mr. Carson said that they all resided at Spiddal, County Galway. The affidavits were the same, and the defendants one co-operative society and the guarantors.

The Lord Chief Justice, in delivering judgment, said that they could not agree with the statement of Mr. Justice Dodd in the order that he could not over-ride the statement of the Minister of Home Affairs, as the judicial duty of a judge is to decide a case according to the best of his ability. The order should be made.

Lord Justice Ronan concurred.

A BROKEN JAW.

AWARD OF £50.

In the King's Bench Division, before Mr. Justice Pim and a city common jury, the case of Wright v. Gilroy and another was heard.

The plaintiff was Isaiah Wright, of Knockatane, Co. Cavan, farmer, and the defendants were William Gilroy and James Gilroy, father and son, both of Drumloughlin, Co. Monaghan, farmers.

The action was brought for the recovery of £500 damages for assault, as a result of which the plaintiff sustained a fractured jaw. No defence was entered, and the question for the jury was to assess damages.

The evidence showed that a dispute took place over a right-of-way, and that young Gilroy struck the plaintiff, causing the injury to his jaw.

The jury assessed damages at £50.

Mr. Lavery (instructed by Mr. William Martin) appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. Lardner, K.C., and Mr. Callan (instructed by Mr. H. E. Thompson) appeared for William Gilroy, and Mr. Fitzgerald (instructed by Mr. Charles L. Murphy) for James Gilroy.

FROM THE LEGAL DIARY.

LAW NOTICES—Friday, December 14, 1923.

COURT OF APPEAL, at 10.30 o'clock. Exparte Appeal—Dingle Co-op. Society, Ltd., and Hibernian Fire and General Insce. Co., Ltd., K.B.D.

HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE.—CHANCERY DIVISION.—Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland, in the Court of Appeal, at 11 o'clock. Motion—In the matter of an application under the Solicitors (Ireland) Act, 1898. Petitions for the Appointment of Commissioners for Oaths—George J. Kennedy, at Kilkee; Thomas A. Hillery, at Miltown-Malbay; Pierce Morrissey, at Killenaule; Joseph P. Redmond, at Newtownbarry; Patrick J. Canning, at Newtownbarry. In Lunacy. Motions—52nd Section, M. J. Macnamara; do., John H. Peart; 68th Section, W. D. Graham. Petitions—52nd Section, C. J. Reddy and Son; do., Roche and Sons; 15th Section, J. Hawthorne. Before the Lord Chief Justice. At Chambers—O'Brien, minors; Bayly, a minor; Houghton, minors; Townsend, minors; Kearney, minors; O'Loughlin, minors; Hodges, minors; Keaven, minors; Kilroy, minors. In Lunacy. Before the Registrar, at 11.30 o'clock—Statement, M. J. Kearney; adj. summons, J. L. Scallan; settle report, Brown and M'Cann; do., P. A. Murphy; do., J. A. Sinnott and Co. Before the Examiner, at 11.30 o'clock—Vch. ac., Carruthers and Gamble; do., Milward Jones and Sharpe. Lord Chief Justice's Chambers. Before the Chief Clerk, at 2 o'clock—Moroney, minors; Taylor, minors; Knox, a minor; Groome v. Nevins; Cunningham, minors.

ROLLS COURT.—In Court No. 2. Action—Watson v. Hogan. Rolls Chambers (Room 39), at 11 o'clock—Samuel Holmes, Ltd., sign cert.; P. Chapman, decd., Charley v. Lewis, sign cert.; Munster and Leinster Bank, Ltd., v. M'Donnell; J. Pyne, decd., Cashman v. Twomey; L. Kennedy, decd., Kennedy v. Keaveney; Byrne v. Furlong; Motor Mileage and Sales Co., Ltd.

CHANCERY JUDGE.—Before the Right Hon. the Master of the Rolls. In Court No. 2 (at the conclusion of his own list). Action—Sheeran v. Crocker. Before the Chief Clerk—O'Reilly v. Mullen; McCormack v. Dervan; Jellett v. M'Glashan; Heary v. Mathews; Kennedy v. Kennedy (1922, No. 522); Hynes v. Doyle; O'Connor v. Reilly; Dillon v. Clyne; Donohoe v. Dowd.

CONSOLIDATED TAXING OFFICE.—Master Kilbride, at 11 o'clock—M'Creery to Rountree, W. V. Seddall; Butler v. Butler, J. and L. Goodbody; Stranorlar Rural District Council to Boyle, J. Boyle; Kilrush Urban District Council to Reps. of Considan, F. F. Cullinan; Monaghan County Council to Lardner, Lardner and Co. Master Denning, at 11 o'clock—Carrick-on-Shannon No. 1 Rural District Council to Kiernan, J. A. Kiernan; Edge, decd., Wm. M. Moore and Sons. Master Macnamara, at 11 o'clock. Exparte Taxations—A person of unsound mind (G.S.), M. Larkin and Co.; Mulligan v. Ambrose, S. O'Uadhaigh; Brown v. Farrell, Corrigan and Corrigan; Buckley v. Farrell, Corrigan and Corrigan; Gilmartin v. Farrell, Corrigan and Corrigan; Campbell v. Farrell, Corrigan and Corrigan; Dublin Corporation and Meath, Moore, Keily, and Lloyd; Wilkinson to Rountree, J. Rountree and T. Exshaw.

LAND JUDGES.—Mr. Dickinson, Examiner, at 11 o'clock—W. G. S. Knox Gore, vouch; Donovan estate, settle schedule.

KING'S BENCH DIVISION.—In Court No. 3, at 11 o'clock. Crown Side—Exparte Motions. Civil Side—Exparte Motions. Attendance Order—Switzer and Co., Ltd., v. Byrne. Garnishee Order—Murray v. Archdall. Before Master Jackson, K.C. For Monday, 17th December, at 12 o'clock—The Midland Warehouse Co. Ltd., v. O'Reilly. For Thursday, 20th December, at 12 o'clock—The "Freeman's Journal" (1919), Ltd., v. Hearn.

PROBATE AND MATRIMONIAL.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Dodd. In Court No. 3, at 11.15 o'clock. Probate. Exparte—In the goods of Wm. Walsh, decd. Summonses—Ryan v. Breen; Ronan v. Fivan; Dunleavy and anor. v. M'Devitt and anor.; same v. same; Rutherford v. Reid and anor. Matrimonial. Motion on Notice—Griffith v. Griffith.

BANKRUPTCY.—Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Pim. In Court No. 1, at 11 o'clock—Arrangements: P. M. Seales, P. M. Seales, P. M. Seales, P. M. Seales, P. M. Seales, Reddy and Son, Molloy, Fayle and Co., Cussen and Kieran, Little and Cullen, W. V. Seddall, W. J. M. Coulter, E. F. Collins, J. Cusack, E. F. Collins; Kelly, 1st meetg. comp., P. M. Seales; Evans, 1st public sitting, Porter, Morris and Co.; Hardy, 1st meetg. comp., A. Cox and Co.; do., 1st public sittg., do.; Cahill, 1st meetg. comp., do.; do., 1st public sittg., W. V. Seddall; do., final exam., do.; Mulvihill, 1st public sittg., Homan and Devine; do., exam. witnesses, do.; do., final exam., do.; Dolan, exam. witnesses, Molloy, Fayle and Co.; do., final exam., do.; Smith, exam. witnesses, Matheson, Ormsby and Prentice; White, do., E. F. Collins; application to dismiss drs. summons, J. J. Shell; Mackay, applin. for cert., J. Mackay; arrangt., ac. comp., E. F. Collins; do., do., W. V. Seddall; do., do., E. F. Collins; Smith, ac. comp., do.; arrangt., do., P. M. Seales; do., do., E. F. Collins; Proud, audit and dividend, Scallan and Co.; Gibson, do., Thompson and Edwards; Bardon and Murtagh, audit and dividend, E. F. Collins; Manthorpe, do., do.; M'Quaid, ac. comp., do. Before the Chief Registrar, at 11 o'clock—Wilson, prove debts, H. J. W. Downey; M'Guire, ac. comp., E. F. Collins; arrangt., do., J. R. Cresswell; do., do., Fullerton and Doyle; do., reference, W. H. Dunne.

TRIALS BY JURY.—Before the Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice of Ireland. Court of Appeal, at 12 o'clock. Non-Jury—Paul v. Cooke and anor. and a counter-claim (work done). Before the Right Hon. Lord Justice O'Connor. In Court No. 4, at 11 o'clock. City Special—Withers v. Gallagher (personal injuries), listed by leave. A very large attendance of City Special Jurors is required this morning at the Law Courts, Dublin Castle, in Court No. 4, at 11 o'clock. Absent jurors will be fined. Before the Right Hon. Mr. Justice Dodd. In Court No. 3 (at the conclusion of the Probate list). Non-Juries—Hodgens v. Furey (possession); Ridgeway v. Graham (possession); O'Brien v. Ryan (bill of costs). The City Common Jurors need not attend until Monday next, December 17th. For Monday, 17th December. City Common—O'Gorman v. O'Connell (possession); Poynton v. Hyland (work done); O'Connor v. D.U. Trams Co. (1896), Ltd. (personal injuries). Non-Jury—Currie v. Martin and anor. (negligence). For Tuesday, 18th December. Non-Jury—Humphries v. Wilson (personal injuries).

IRISH LAND COMMISSION.—At Examiners' Chambers. Before Mr. Jeffrey White, at 11 o'clock—Christopher Walsh (E.C. 7780), vch. Before Mr. Stubbs, at 11 o'clock—Sir Josslyn A. R. Gore-Booth (C.D.B. 10011), vch. At 11.30 o'clock—Sir Josslyn A. R. Gore-Booth (E.C. 1591), vch. At 12 o'clock—T. C. R. Verschoyle (E.C. 6438), vch. At 2.30 o'clock—Bishop H. H. Montgomery (E.C. 7611), vch. At 3 o'clock—J. H. Carroll (E.C. 4528) (La Nauze superior interest), vch. Before Mr. Sullivan, at 11 o'clock—Commercial Union Assurance Co. (E.C. 7195). Before Mr. Franks, at 11 o'clock—John B. Ormsby (C.D.B. 10206), vch. At 12 o'clock—Josephine G. Ryan (E.C. 8255), vch. Before Mr. Lett, at 11.30 o'clock—Ellen J. Craven and anor. (E.C. 8535), vch. Before Mr. Brett, at 11.30 o'clock—Sir T. C. O'Brien (E.C. 8441), discharge rulings. At 3 o'clock—Wm. Kemmis (E.C. 8572), discharge rulings.

BEFORE THE RIGHT HON. THE RECORDER.—At Court No. 5, at 11 o'clock—Bolger v. Curtis, ejectment; O'Shea v. Harbourne; Sharpe v. O'Neill; Wallis v. Hogan; Armstrone v. M'Kinney; Byrne v. Doyle; Doyle v. Byrne; Hicks v. Rafferty; Kelly v. Farrell; Myles v. Lovey; O'Hara v. Flanagan; Woodhouse v. Gill; Brownrigg v. Erskine; Collis v. Costello; O'Reilly v. M'Govern; Western Australia Co. v. Fagan; Cook v. Cook; M'Mahon v. M'Conkey; Cotter v. Fleming; Clarke v. Somerville; Curtis v. Geary; Heather v. Swaine.

THE SURVEYORS' INSTITUTION.

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee of the Irish Branch of the Surveyors' Institution in Dublin—Mr. J. Graves Clayton (vice-chairman) presiding—the Committee had under consideration various questions of professional practice in connection with the working of the new Land Purchase Act.

The preliminary examination for students will be held in Dublin on 9th and 10th January next, and the professional examinations in the four sub-divisions will be held from 24th to 28th March next, inclusive. Candidates' applications may be received up to 31st instant.

The following vote of condolence was passed, on the motion of Mr. Charles Dickinson, seconded by Mr. W. H. Hinde:—"This Committee have learned with the deepest regret of the death of their colleague, Mr. Reginald G. Armstrong, a former member of this Committee, and desire to convey their most sincere sympathy to his relatives and to the Right Hon. the Earl of Wicklow."

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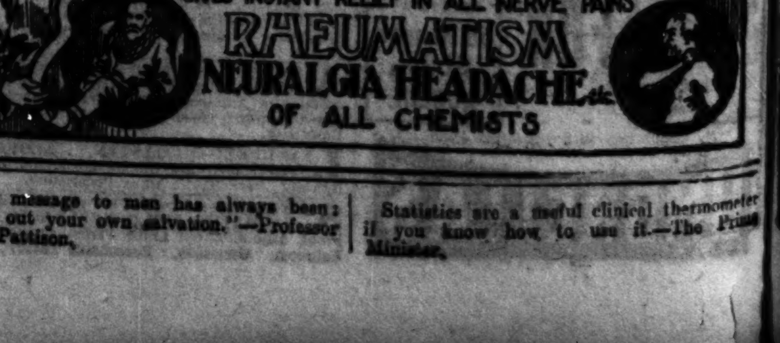

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Third Round.—Lovely Tune beat Patsy So...; Musical Fiddler beat Loranthus.

Deciding Course.—Mr. J. O'Brien's r. f. Lovely Tune (Lively Tune—Hidden Smile) b... Mr. George Groves' bk. w. d. Musical Fidd... (Clonagh Fiddler—Cronin's Fancy).

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Second Round.—Polish Princess beat Halls ... Tara; Tulip Time beat Dark Betty; Josie's Fan... beat Missing Duchess; Musical Lady a bye, Cla... Lady drawn.

Third Round.—Tulip Time beat Polish Princes...; Musical Lady beat Josie's Fancy.

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Second Round.—Hop to It beat Bellfort; Flyin... Foe III. beat Dick O; Black Rock beat Shandru... Boy; Lady Joan beat Shule Agrah II.

Third Round.—Hop to It beat Flying Foe III.; Black Rock beat Lady Joan.

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COUNTY COUNCILS' ANNUAL MEETING.

FARMERS' POSITION.

ABOLITION OF DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The annual meeting of the County Councils' General Council took place yesterday at 11 Parnell square, Dublin, under the presidency of Senator P. W. Kenny. There was a good attendance.

Mr. P. T. Daly, T.C., asked for a ruling from the Chairman as to whether, in the case of the Kerry County Council, which had been dissolved, it was competent for the Commissioner appointed by the Government, viz., Alderman Monahan, to be present as representing the County Council.

The Chairman said that he would rule that the Co. Kerry and Co. Leitrim delegates were entitled to be present, as the General Council of Councils had not been officially informed of the dissolution of their respective bodies. Alderman Monahan was not eligible to represent the Kerry County Council.

Mr. Daly said that no form of autocracy could be worse than that a gentleman, on behalf of the Government, going down to take the place of the Kerry County Council, which was dissolved, should nominate himself to act on the County Councils' General Council. The same thing applied to Leitrim County Council, which had also been dissolved.

Mr. Keogh Nolan, Secretary, stated that he had a letter from the Secretary of the Leitrim County Council, giving the names of two former members who would act.

On the motion of Mr. P. T. Daly, seconded by Councillor O'Byrne, the outgoing Chairman, Senator P. W. Kenny, was unanimously elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

Returning thanks, the Chairman said that his duties during the year had been extremely light and pleasant. This was due to the co-operation of his colleagues, and to the assistance given by the Secretary. He congratulated the members on the business-like way in which they addressed themselves to their duty during the year. They had appointed Sub-Committees to deal with public health, housing, education, legislation, and roads. Their prospects for the future were very bright. That the country was emerging from unrest and instability into a condition of order and security was shown by the success of the recent Loan.

AGRICULTURAL OUTLOOK.

Calling attention to the depressed condition of agriculture, the Chairman said that one result of the disturbed state of affairs in the country was that the farmers' associations had been compelled to protect themselves by getting into direct touch with consumers and eliminating the middleman. In some cases they had their own steamers, and were sending live stock and agricultural produce to cross-Channel markets, and they had to send representatives to England to dispose of the produce. That was a development that should help to relieve the depression in agriculture.

Another matter that affected farmers was the closing of English ports against Irish live stock. That emphasised the importance of the dead meat industry in order to make live stock owners independent of the English Ministry of Agriculture. They would be forced into the development of the dead meat industry, and he would ask farmers to give the movement every encouragement. There were no less than forty-one subsidised industries to be derived from the dead meat industry.

Mr. P. T. Daly, who was elected Vice-Chairman, in returning thanks, urged the delegates to do all they could to promote the dead meat industry.

RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The report of the Executive Committee was then proposed and seconded.

Mr. Connolly asked to be taken as dissenting from that clause of the report demanding the abolition of Rural District Councils.

Ultimately it was agreed "that Rural District Councils should be abolished."

It was suggested that District Committees should deal with such small matters as might be delegated to them by the County Councils.

Mr. Walsh (Kilkenny) moved as an amendment to the suggested constitution of the District Committees that a District Advisory Committee be constituted of elected members to the number of one-third of the present number of District Councillors, and of members nominated by the County Council to the number of one less than the elected members. The Minister of Local Government to remodel Rural District Councils where he considered it necessary that such local Advisory Committees should make recommendations regarding home help, district roads, labourers' cottages, local water supplies, and such other matters as might be delegated to it by the County Councils.

Mr. Walsh said that his object was to avoid hopelessly overloading the County Council with detail work.

Mr. Connolly said that the abolition of District Councils was a drastic and retrograde step. It threw the poor people in need of relief back upon those who walked on them in the past. He favoured the appointment of committees as proposed by Mr. Walsh.

The Chairman said that the novelty with regard to district Councils had now worn away, and it was now difficult to get a quorum, except when there was a job on.

Mr. P. O'Flynn (Limerick) said that the County Councillors did not know the local needs of the people as well as members of local committees would.

An amendment proposed by Mr. Walsh, recommending that the County Councils should be empowered to delegate such functions as they thought fit to an Executive, was defeated on a show of hands.

SIZE OF COUNCILS.

It was unanimously decided that the number of the members of County Councils should remain as at present, and, if any alteration was contemplated, it should be by way of decrease; also that no person be eligible for inclusion in the register for local government electors whose rates for the financial year ended prior to the date of the compilation of the register were unpaid. It was also decided that County Councils be empowered to refund necessary expenses incurred by members in attending meetings.

On the notice of Mr. C. M. Byrne, T.D., it was decided to recommend that in all cases where payments are made by public bodies a record be made of the names of members voting for or against the passing of same.

The meeting approved the Executive Committee's suggestion that the system of appointments by public bodies was open to grave abuse, and recommended that steps be taken to establish a national civil service.

GAELIC REVIVAL.

On the motion of Mr. Brennan (Roscommon), seconded by Mr. C. M. Byrne (Dublin), a resolution was passed that the Government be requested to devise means for coping with the problem of Gaeltacht. It was suggested that steps should be taken to complete a cultural survey of Ireland, and demanded a wider and more sympathetic teaching of Irish traditional music and singing in the National schools. As an earnest of their interest in this phase of national endeavour it was resolved that the Council should at once appoint a Committee of Experts to make investigations and report on the matter.

On the motion of Mr. Stafford (Dublin), seconded by Mr. Connolly, a resolution was passed in favour of power being given to individual public bodies to inaugurate pension schemes for manual workers, and to fix age limits for service.

The Executive Committee drew attention to a letter from the authorities of University College, Dublin, respecting the failure of certain Councils to contribute towards the maintenance of the Chair for Scientific Agriculture in the College. The Committee consider that the maintenance of such a Chair should not be dependent on voluntary support, and they urged on the County Councils the necessity of carrying out the undertakings given in their behalf.

On the motion of Mr. Walsh, seconded by Senator O'Rourke, the Secretary was directed to write to the Councils recommending them to pay the arrears, and to continue to pay their contributions.

The Chairman announced that the Minister for Local Government would receive a deputation from the Council on the subject of roads at 10.30 a.m. to-day.

RATES.

On the motion of Mr. Boggan (Meath), the paragraph of the report which suggested substituting for the existing system of rate collection a system of collection through the Post Office, that landlords should be liable for rates on premises under a certain valuation, and that vacant houses and sites should be rates, was adopted.

The entire report, as amended, was adopted.

A memorandum was received from the Ministry of Education requesting that the Council should take into consideration the desirability of awarding County University Scholarships generally on the results of the Senior Grade Intermediate examinations, instead of holding special examinations for the purpose.

The Council agreed, on the understanding that the present arrangement of limiting scholarships to boys who could not otherwise afford a University course should be continued.

INSANITY IN IRELAND.

Mr. Stafford moved a resolution from the Dublin County Council urging that a Pathological Laboratory of Research in connection with insanity and nervous diseases be established. His Council undertook to defray a reasonable proportion of the necessary expenditure, and recommended that other Councils should give a similar undertaking. Figures showed that insanity in Ireland was on the increase. The cost of the proposed laboratory would be worth while incurring. His proposal was that the laboratory be established under the new Public Health Act. It was possible that the Government might contribute to the cost of its establishment and upkeep.

Mr. Clarke (Donegal) seconded the motion, which was passed.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne (Wexford) moved that the Council discuss the position as regards the proposed compensation to ex-rate collectors who had been dismissed. He pointed out that the amount awarded by Mr. Justice Wylie against Wexford County Council would, if capitalised, be not less than £10,000, and he said the Wexford County Council considered that if compensation was to be granted it should be paid by the Government, since the Council, in dismissing the rate collectors, carried out the directions of President Cosgrave and Mr. Kevin O'Higgins, who were, respectively, Minister and Assistant Minister, for Local Government at the time.

On the motion of Senator O'Rourke, it was decided to endorse the demands of the County Council of Wexford and other County Councils, and a deputation was appointed to wait on President Cosgrave for the purpose of ventilating the County Council's grievances on the matter.

BOROUGH OF DUBLIN.

The Chairman asked the General Council to endorse a resolution from the Dublin Borough Council, protesting against a reduction in their membership. He asked the Council to refer the matter to the Executive in order to protect the interests of the Dublin Borough Council and the citizens generally.

Senator O'Rourke said that, in his opinion, there were too many members in the Dublin Corporation.

The Chairman said he had no objection, in the event of any extension of the borough, that there should be proportional representation on a certain basis for the new body. It was on the cards that in the near future there would be an extension of the Borough of Dublin; that the aristocratic representation would remain unchanged, but that the members for the democratic area would be reduced. He had no objection to having the numbers reduced in such a way as would entitle the citizens to proper representation. If the rumour was acted upon, they would go back to that period in the City of Dublin when "honest" men were in office, and presented plots of ground to one another in recognition of their services, but not to the city. He would not agree to people who made their money in the city being largely represented while the workers' representation was cut down.

Mr. O'Rourke thought the business of the Corporation could be carried on better by 25 than by 75 or 85 members.

Mr. Stafford proposed a resolution with regard to the need for a Child Welfare scheme in Co. Dublin.

The Chairman said he understood that legislation to this effect would be introduced shortly.

The following attended:—Clare—J. O'Dwyer. Donegal—J. E. Boyle, James Clarke. Dublin—C. O'Donovan, M. Stafford, P. Connolly. Galway—G. Nicholls. Kilkenny—James Walsh. Meath—James Boggan. Monaghan—Senator B. O'Rourke. Roscommon—M. Brennan, J. J. Colgan. Sligo—Martin Roddy, Alex. McCabe, T.D. Tipperary (South)—L. J. Dalton, T.D. Tipperary (North)—Count O'Byrne, J. J. Hassett. Waterford—Senator P. W. Kenny. Wexford—Sean O'Byrne. Wicklow—C. M. Byrne, T.D. Dublin (Borough)—P. T. Daly. Limerick (Borough)—P. O'Flynn, James A. Hennessy, and the Secretary, Mr. A. Keogh-Nolan.

HOCKEY.

LEINSTER BRANCH IRISH HOCKEY UNION.

The Leinster Branch Council met yesterday evening at No. 8 Merrion row, when there was a full attendance of delegates. Mr. J. W. Crawfurd, Vice-Chairman, presided. The Branch Secretary read correspondence from the Midlands Division, Leinster Hockey Union Association, Kingstown Grammar School, C.I.T.C., and Portrane.

It was decided to play two inter-provincial trial matches, one on the 2nd and the other on the 9th January, at Park avenue. The Branch Council favoured the application of the Midlands to take the Place of Connaught should that branch not function. The following clubs were formally affiliated:—Athy, Kildare, Longford, Wexford, Athlone, Mullingar and Edenderry. Permission was given to Kingstown Grammar School to play off their postponed League matches on the 22nd and 29th December; for Portrane to play at Bird abenue next Saturday, and the Church of Ireland to play their match on their opponent's ground.

It was arranged that the Selection Committee meet next Wednesday at 8 o'clock at 8 Merrion row and the Emergency Committee I.H.U. next Thursday at the same hour and place.

BADMINTON.

ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The All-Ireland Badminton Championship meeting was continued last night at the Art Hall, Ballsbridge. To-day's programme will consist of the championships, which will be played in the following order:—Men's Singles, Ladies' Singles, Men's Doubles, Ladies' Doubles, and Mixed Doubles. Details:—

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP A.

Miss Homan and Mrs. Crowley beat Miss Mulligan and Miss C. Harty—15-9, 15-13; Miss Pilkington and Miss B. Stewart beat Miss Anderson and Miss M'Loughlin—15-3, 9-15, 15-10; Miss Stewart and Mrs. Price w.o., Mrs. Dillon and Miss A. Byrne scr.; Miss Pilkington and Miss B. Stewart beat Mrs. Evans and Miss Twigg—15-6, 15-9; Miss Stewart and Mrs. Price beat the Misses Scott—15-10, 15-4; Miss M'Garvey and Miss M'Dougald beat Miss Stoney and Mrs. Miley—15-2, 11-15, 15-7.

LADIES' DOUBLES HANDICAP B.

Mrs. and Miss Dillon beat Mrs. and Miss Courtney—15-6, 15-5; Miss Cherry and Miss Walker beat Mrs. Jose and Miss Browne—15-10, 8-15, 15-11; Mrs. Manning and Miss M'Loughlin beat Mrs. and Miss Dillon—12-15, 15-9, 15-5; Miss Cherry and Miss Walker beat the Misses Seaman—10-15, 15-14, 15-14; Mrs. Hamilton and Miss Corry beat Mrs. Greville and Miss Batcham—15-13, 14-15, 15-9; Mrs. Manning and Miss M'Loughlin beat Miss Good and Miss V. Pilkington—15-10, 15-7.

NOVICES' LADIES' DOUBLES A.

Miss Good and Miss Cherry beat Miss Carley and Miss Brassington—15-9, 15-11; Miss Goulding and Mrs. Hamilton beat Miss Smith and Miss Bloxham—15-12, 15-3.

NOVICES' LADIES' DOUBLES B.

Miss Hanbury and Miss Dargan beat the Misses Flavelle—15-6, 15-8.

HANDICAP MIXED DOUBLES A.

M'Dougald and Miss Mulligan beat Hastings and Miss M'Loughlin—14-15, 15-14, 15-13.

LONDON CHAMPIONSHIPS.

IRISHMAN'S TRIPLE SUCCESS.

J. F. Devlin, a son of Mr. J. E. Devlin, of Dalkey, accomplished a unique achievement in the recent London championships, winning the Singles, the Doubles with Sir G. A. Thomas, and the Mixed Doubles with Miss McKane.

BOXING.

FRENCH BOXING CHAMPION.

PARIS, Thursday.

The regulation interval allowed to Criqui, the feather-weight champion of France and Europe, to take up the challenge of Mascart expired yesterday afternoon, without the champion having accepted. Criqui stated that he had renounced his titles, and the French Boxing Federation have, therefore, awarded the national title to his challenger, Mascart. The European title question will be submitted to the International Boxing Federation.

BILLIARDS.

FALKINER v. INMAN.

At Liverpool yesterday afternoon Falkiner increased his unfinished break of 125 to 286. Inman's first item of importance was a fine 222, and then Falkiner was responsible for 115, 141, and 116. Interval scores:—Falkiner (in play), 4,656; Inman, 3,117.

In the evening session Falkiner's best was 131, while Inman made breaks of 108, 131, and 156. Closing scores:—Falkiner (in play), 5,291; Inman, 3,867.

STORE CATTLE SALES.

MESSRS. R. AND J. WILKINSON.

There were more buyers for store cattle than have been apparent for the last few weeks, and, with only a moderate-sized catalogue, buying was brisker, and a firmer tone prevailed throughout, practically everything showing any quality or merit being sold at somewhat improved prices. Horned bullocks made £19 15/- (38/6), £19 (37/-), £18 5/- (38/-), £18 5/- (36/6), £18 5/- (36/-), £18 (36/6), £17 15/- (38/-), £17 15/- (37/6), £17 5/- (36/-), £17 (38/-), £16 15/- (38/6), £16 15/- (38/-). Polled bullocks, at from £18 5/- to £23, were 38/- to 41/6 per cwt. The top price obtained for Angus crosses was £24 5/- or 43/6; other lots at from £14 10/- to £19 about 41/-. Several lots of horned heifers at from £16 10/- to £17 15/-, making about the same price per cwt.

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS. J. AND P. COATS.

NEW FACTORIES IN HUNGARY AND FRANCE.

There was a large attendance of shareholders at the annual meeting of Messrs. J. and P. Coats, at Glasgow yesterday. Mr. W. P. Stewart presided, and moved the approval of the report, which recommended a distribution on Ordinary shares equal to 17½ per cent. Reading the annual statement prepared by Mr. W. H. Coats, Mr. Stewart pointed out that while the quantity of goods sold was slightly more, the sterling value showed a very substantial reaction. This decline in value was caused by the lower prices they had to accept, due in some measure to keener competition in a number of markets and the necessity of maintaining trade in the face of depreciated currencies. In all the circumstances the result of the year's trading must be considered satisfactory. Reviewing their business, the statement added that trade in the home market was wonderfully steady, the turn-over slightly exceeding last year. In the United States the results were disappointing. Business in Central Europe and certain adjoining States further East had also been disappointing, especially where depreciation of currencies had been so severe. They were not sanguine of any great improvement in the freedom of business in these countries until the political situation improved. Taking into account the present excited state of the cotton market it would be difficult to make any forecast of the course of their business during the remainder of the financial year that would be either accurate or useful. He would content himself with the remark that they were quite alive to the necessity of maintaining and extending their trade wherever possible. The Hungarian Government had decided to establish a thread-making industry, and had given them the first option of installing a factory. Unless we did so, he added, they would offer a concession to a competitor in another country. This was unexpected, and put us in rather an awkward position, because our mills now in Czecho-Slovakia were large enough to produce all goods required for the Hungarian market. Ultimately it became a case of *force majeure*, and we had to yield. The ground has been secured, plans prepared, and building will commence whenever details are ready. Again, owing to the high tariff upon our goods entering France we had been forced to establish a small factory there. A shareholder had written that he was not pleased with the remark made last year that it was the intention of the Board to augment the dividend reserve fund so as to bring it up to the amount required to pay a full year's dividend, and suggested that it was already large enough. The directors did not agree, however, and they would adhere to their declared policy when the profits earned permitted. The Board asked that Mr. John A. Coats be elected to the directorate.

The report was unanimously approved.

BANK OF ENGLAND RETURN

GOVERNMENT REPAYMENTS.

The Bank return shows that the Government have repaid a fair proportion of the large amount borrowed from the Bank for the purpose of meeting the War Loan interest on December 1, the Government securities showing a reduction of £19,000,000 at £50,500,000. The whole of this and a little more have come off the "other" deposits, which are nearly £19,750,000 down at £116,864,537. Other alterations in the return are moderate. The public deposits are £288,000 up and there is a decrease of £167,000 in the "other" securities, while the alteration in the reserve is only £12,500, that item having fallen to that extent, for although the note circulation expanded by £158,500, there was an increase of £146,000 in the coin and bullion. The reserve is now reduced to a little under £21,500,000, but, with the heavy reduction in the deposits, its proportion to liabilities is 2⅛ better than a week ago at 16⅝ p.c.

WEEK ENDED 13TH DECEMBER, 1923.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT.

Notes Issued	£145,946,335	Govt. Debt	£11,015,100
		Other Securities	8,734,900
		Gold Coin and Bullion	126,196,335
	£145,946,335		£145,946,335

BANKING DEPARTMENT.

Proprietors' Capital	£14,553,000	Government Securities	£50,598,532
Rest	3,269,522	Other Securities	74,194,485
Public deposits	11,597,768	Notes	19,676,010
Other deposits	116,864,537	Gold & Silver Coin	1,822,925
7-day & other Bills	8,125		
	£146,291,952		£146,291,952

Compared with last week:	Increase.	Decrease.
	£	£
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	158,535	—
Public Deposits	388,246	—
Other Deposits	—	19,736,760
Government Securities	—	19,125,524
Other Securities	—	167,120
Bullion	146,030	—
Rest	43,876	—
Reserve	—	6,960

Proportion of Reserve to Liabilities 16¾% against 14⅝% last week.

The following shows the position of the Bank of England now and during the previous two years:—

	1923.	1922.	1921.
Circulation (excluding 7-day and other Bills)	£ 126,270,325	£ 123,161,310	£ 124,734,450
Public Deposits	11,597,768	10,112,664	14,858,179
Other Deposits	116,864,537	114,772,579	140,869,430
Govt. Securities	50,598,532	53,927,091	69,799,630
Other Securities	74,194,485	66,123,250	80,682,795
Reserve of Notes & Coin	21,498,935	22,735,137	21,152,821
Coin & Bullion	128,019,260	127,446,447	128,437,271
Reserve to Liabilities	16¾%	18⅞%	14⅝%
Bank Rate	4%	3%	5%
Consols	56½	55¾	49¼
Bar Silver	33¼d.	30½d.	36¾d.
Clearinghouse Return	£ 629,960,000	£ 592,289,000	£ 734,399,000

LONDON WOOL SALES.

At public sales three catalogues were offered jointly totalling 12,993 bales, and comprised 1,204 bales New South Wales and Queensland, 1,035 Victorian, 1,605 West Australian, 276 South Australian, 7,717 New Zealand, and 125 Cape. Competition from a full attendance of buyers was carried on with animation, and a very firm tone resulted regarding trend of prices. French interests continue to compete keenly for the finer qualities of merinos. New South Wales and Queensland scoured comeback combing sold 24d. to 40½d., crossbred combing 20½d. to 39d., greasy merino combing 30½d. to 35½d.; fleece, 29d. to 31½d.; lambs, 21d. to 28½d.; necks, 31d. to 32½d.; pieces, 28½d.; crossbred, 16d. to 19½d.; do. lambs, 16d. to 20½d.

AUSTRALIAN WOOL SALES.

At the wool sales, held at Sydney yesterday, 8,565 bales were offered, of which 7,700 were sold. Private sales consisted of 1,417 bales. There was strong general demand, and the market was firm at the recent improved rates. Greasy merino realised 36½d.

THE METHODIST CHURCH.

Dungannon Circuit has erected a mission hall at Coalisland, in order to provide accommodation for the large number of English coal miners expected at that place at an early date.

At the Home Mission Committee meeting it was stated that a layman who had heard of the difficulties of traversing so wide an area had offered a motor car every year, and had promised to keep the car in good going condition. He will also pay all the expenses.

Penzance is about to build a new Sunday school at a cost of £4,000.

At Raventhorpe, Yorkshire, a new organ has been erected at a cost of £1,650.

The Rev. Ferrier Hulme, President of the Conference, is about to visit the stations in Italy, a work which no other President ever did.

HIBERNIAN BIBLE SOCIETY.

Th monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Hibernian Bible Society was held last Tuesday. The Deputation Secretary reported that during the month of November eight sermons had been preached and 28 meetings addressed. Applications for grants were read and considered, and 1,210 Bibles, New Testaments, and Portions were granted free and at reduced prices for day and Sunday schools, prizes, colportage, etc. Cheques were drawn to pay accounts as audited. The issues from the *dépôt* for the eight months ended November, 1923, were 3,577 Bibles, 8,336 New Testaments, and 33,204 Portions of the Bible.

HUME STREET HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Hume Street Hospital, Dublin, was held at Hume House, Hume street, yesterday. The report of the Medical Superintendent showed an attendance of 51 intern patients, 411 extern, and 250 for light treatment. Messrs. [illegible] and M. B. Lalor were chosen to be the Visiting Governors for the month. The Committee acknowledges, with grateful thanks, the receipt of the following subscriptions and donations:—C. H. B. Caldwell, Esq., £5; Messrs. W. B. Jacob and Co., £3; "Grateful Patient," £1 1/-; M. L. Fagan, Esq., £1 1/-; A. Newmann, Esq., £1 1/-; Messrs. D. Kellett, Ltd., £1 1/-; Mrs. Cantwell, £1; W. J. Pardy, Esq., £1; Messrs. Lemon and Co., 10/6.

A panic was caused at the Arts et Métiers station of the Paris Underground Railway on Monday by a short circuit in the motor van of a crowded passenger train. Several persons were knocked down in the stampede, but no one was seriously hurt.

COURSING.

GREENALL CUP MEETING.

BRAVE SHOW'S SMART RUNNING.

GREENALL CUP, value 50 guineas (to be won outright). Winner, £70 and Cup; second, £30; third and fourth, £10 each; four dogs, £5 each; eighteen dogs, £2 10/- each.

Third Round.—Political Chief beat First Light; Brave Show beat Spotted Hawk; Glandore Boy beat Glow Worm II.; Question beat Caherdavin Lass.

Fourth Round.—Brave Show beat Political Chief; Glandore Boy beat Question.

Deciding Course—Mr. T. D. O'Sullivan's bk. d. Brave Show (Tip Top VIII.—Show Girl) beat Mr. T. Manning ns. f. d. Glandore Boy (Victorious Ally—Eagerness).

THE ARDPATRICK STAKES—For 16 dog puppies. Winner, £25; second, £10; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Second Round.—Patsy Soft beat Dancing Tune; Lovely Tune beat Man o' War; Loranthus beat Topps All; Musical Fiddler beat Navilius.

Third Round.—Lovely Tune beat Patsy Soft; Musical Fiddler beat Loranthus.

Deciding Course.—Mr. J. O'Brien's r. f. d. Lovely Tune (Lively Tune—Hidden Smile) beat Mr. George Groves' bk. w. d. Musical Fiddler (Gunagh Fiddler—Cronin's Fancy).

THE LOOBAGH STAKES—For 16 bitch puppies. Winner, £20; second, £8; third and fourth, £2 each.

Second Round.—Polish Princess beat Halls of Tara; Tulip Time beat Dark Betty; Josie's Fancy beat Missing Duchess; Musical Lady a bye, Clash Lady drawn.

Third Round.—Tulip Time beat Polish Princess; Musical Lady beat Josie's Fancy.

Stakes divided between Mr. M. J. Talbot's bd. b. Tulip Time (West Coast—Flashlight XI.) and Mr. R. Gimnane's bk. b. Musical Lady (Clare Rover—Cow Girl).

THE KILFINANE STAKES—For 16 two-course maidens. Winner, £20; second, £8; third and fourth, £2 each.

Second Round.—Hop to It beat Bellfort; Flying Foe III. beat Dick O; Black Rock beat Shandrum Boy; Lady Joan beat Shule Agrah II.

Third Round.—Hop to It beat Flying Foe III.; Black Rock beat Lady Joan.

Stakes divided between Mr. J. W. O'Brien's bd. d. Hop to It (Full Speed—Hard Hit) and Mr. J. Hayes' bd. d. Black Rock (Harmonsállia—Political Duchess).

THE KILMALLOCK STAKES—For 16 all-ages. Winner, £25; second, £10; third and fourth, £2 10/- each.

Second Round.—Full Swing beat Bar Accident; Ballinclare beat Topper's Letter; Carrig Hawk beat Annagh Boy; Great Variety beat Finola.

Third Round.—Ballinclare beat Full Swing; Great Variety beat Carrig Hawk.

Stakes divided between Mr. D. Walsh's bk. d. Ballinclare (West Coast—Missing Ticket) and Mr. J. O'Hanlon's f. r. b. Great Variety (Full Speed—My Queen VIII.).

KILMALLOCK, Thursday.

Thirty-two courses only remained over for the second day at Kilmallock; but with another quite unnecessary break of an hour and a quarter, when only two deciders were wanted to finish, it took four dreary hours to bring the meeting to a close. The result was that many who had trains to catch missed them. There was no reason whatsoever why these should have been so; indeed, an otherwise excellent meeting was spoiled by the lackadaisical methods, not only of dog-owners in bringing dogs to slips, but of the officials in not making an effort to run off the meeting in a reasonable time. Only two stakes were run-off—the cup and dog puppies. The cup went to Kerry, Mr. O'Sullivan's smart Brave Show smothering the opposition and gaining quite a deserving triumph in the decider over Glandore Boy, who unexpectedly beat Question in the fourth round. In the final Glandore Boy led a length, but Brave Show had three-fourths of a splendid trial. Lovely Tune was a very comfortable winner of the Ardpatrick Stakes, and Tulip Time and Musical Lady divided the Loobagh Stakes.

FRESHFORD MEETING—YESTERDAY.

FRESHFORD STAKES—For 11 puppies. Winner, £18; second, £7; third, £2 10/-.

Mr. D. J. Gorey's Glenard beat Mr. Meagher's Dark Event.

Mr. T. Kinane's Speedy Kid beat Mr. T. Cormac's Fuego.

Mr. E. Brennan's Foxboro' Lad beat Mr. T. Kinane's Coon Kid.

Mr. John Brennan's Dorona beat Mr. P. Fitzgerald's Cheerful Joe.

Mr. A. Corcoran's Cheerful Colleen beat Mr. J. Kelly's Ballykealy Lass.

Mr. James Fox's Happy Fanny a bye.

Second round—Glenard beat Speedy Kid, Foxboro' Lad beat Dorona, Cheerful Colleen beat Happy Fanny.

Third round—Glenard drawn, Foxboro' Lad and Cheerful Colleen divided.

BALLYLARKIN STAKES—For 14 two-course maidens. Winner, £16; second, £8, third and fourth, £3 each.

Mr. J. Ryan's Harrier's Pride beat Mr. P. Duggan's Daggers Drawn.

Mr. T. Phelan's On the Run a bye, Miss N. M'Sweeney's Cupwinner absent.

Mr. D. J. Gorey's Galway Grey beat Mr. James Fitzgerald's Repression.

Mr. M. Bryan's Beehive Boy beat Mr. H. Meehan's Masked Belle.

Mr. W. Brennan's Interned beat Mr. E. Brennan's Rushall Dainty.

Mr. J. Tynan's Light Weight beat Mr. R. Dowling's Very Busy.

Mr. T. Grace's Curious Dream beat Mr. T. Healy's Poul Thine.

Second round—Harrier's Pride beat On the Run, Galway Grey beat Beehive Boy, Light Weight beat Interned, Curious Dream a bye.

Third round—Galway Grey beat Harrier's Pride, Curious Dream beat Light Weight.

Stakes divided.

LOCAL STAKES—For 10 dogs. Winner, £9; second, £4 10/-; third, £1 10/-.

Mr. M. Wall's Have a Heart beat Mr. M. Dowling's Don't Care.

Mr. R. Grace's Golden Grit beat Mr. James Dalton's Ain't We Got Fun.

Mr. M. Deegan's Roving Joker beat Mr. J. Hughes's Wild Fire.

Mr. M. M'Grath's Sunny Ray beat Mr. P. Bowden's Lady Mira.

Mr. W. Connery's Cross Country beat Mr. T. Frisby's Flamingo.

Second Round—Have a Heart beat Golden Grit, Sunny Ray beat Roving Joker, Cross Country a bye.

Third round—Sunny Ray drawn, Have a Heart and Cross Country divided.

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DUBLIN SHIPPING REPORT.

Wind and Weather—Westerly wind, light breeze; fine and clear.

Foreign Arrivals.—Ss. Rijnstroom, of Amsterdam, 437 tons register (Captain Plasschaert), from Amsterdam via Belfast, with a general cargo, discharging at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension; ss. Tyro, of Rotterdam, 322 tons register (Captain Boll), from Hamburg with a general cargo, discharged at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension, and proceeded to Hamburg, light; ss. Egret, of Liverpool, 691 tons register (Captain Campbell), from Antwerp, with a general cargo, discharging at Shelter Sheds, North Wall Extension.

Coastwise Arrivals.—Ss. Slieve Bawn, ss. South Stack, from Holyhead, with goods; ss. Cato, from Bristol, with goods; ss. Lady Wimborne, from London, with goods; ss. Yarrow, from Silloth, with goods; ss. Ardmore, from Liverpool, with goods; ss. Lady Kerry, from Glasgow, with goods; ss. Olive, from Heysham, with goods; ss. Carrowdore, from Liverpool, with empties; s. Emily Garratt (motor), from Connah's quay, with bricks; ss. Porthmeor, from Cardiff, with coals; ss. Zillah, ss. Mary Summerfield, ss. Briarfield, ss. Welshman, from Garston, with coals; ss. Yewdale, from Newport, with coals; ss. Ashfield, from Preston, with coals; ss. Glenageary, from Partington, with coals; ss. Wythburn, from Whitehaven, with coals; ss. St. Aidan, from Glasgow, with coals; ss. Lancashire, ss. St. Fintan, from Birkenhead, with coals; ss. Snowdon, from Holyhead, light.

Foreign Departure.—Ss. Ems, of Hamburg, 1,704 tons register (Captain Schmid), for Garston, light.

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YULETIDE.

THE GIFT PROBLEM

I AM sure it was a man who first brought out the axiom that one must not look a gift horse in the mouth. It is very hard, indeed, to obey this maxim when receiving some presents. You can hardly help feeling slightly resentful when some well-intentioned person presents you with a jumper which quarrels with your hair or your complexion. Naturally, you wish that the giver had taken a little trouble to find out what suited you, and acted accordingly.

Some people specialise in only giving presents that are useful. They think that if the recipient of the present is not very rich she will welcome a present which will save her money. In my opinion, people who are not very well off like, as presents, things that they themselves would never dream of buying. People can always save up and buy necessities, but they feel very chary about buying a luxury.

I have always sympathised with the girl in "Adam Bede," who, having won a prize in the village sports, went up and received a thick piece of red cloth. She was so taken aback by the nature of her prize that disappointment got the better of her, and she burst out sobbing. She had expected some sort of finery, and the prize of cloth, though very useful, indeed, was so prosaic that she could not restrain the signs of her chagrin.

A servant will be ever so much more grateful for a present of one pair of silk stockings than for half a dozen pairs of plain cotton stockings, even though the latter present be more suitable for her. Her thrills when wearing her pair of silk stockings will far outweigh the utmost comfort that the cotton stockings could give.

A present carefully chosen is worth twice as much as a more expensive present chosen haphazardly. A person, with little to spend especially, should lavish care and thought on the presents she intends giving. It is no use giving a friend of yours half a dozen handkerchiefs if you know that she has enough to fill several sachets. A housekeeper would value a nice ornament for the house; say, a Wedgwood jar or a dainty tea tray. A bachelor girl would be most pleased with a pretty hair ornament or something dainty to wear.

Giving presents to elderly people is rather a difficult problem. They like something that conveys the kind intentions of the donor, and are not usually very keen on the present itself. They appreciate as much as anything something which has been the work of the giver's hands or a photograph, prettily framed, or a well-chosen book.

There is no trouble in finding suitable presents for children. If you know the child's age, you can easily think of a present it would like. The best thing to do, however, is to consult the mother of the child, and find out what it would like best. A child seldom likes getting a useful present, as it feels that, in some way or other, it is being done out of its rights.

There was a lady I once knew who bought an expensive book that was absolutely of no use to anyone, and gave it to a friend of hers. The book had cost a great deal, but it was quite obvious to the recipient that it was only given to her because it was of no use to the giver. Similarly, I have had presents given me which seemed at first sight to be very grand, but time soon showed how cheap they were.

The most acceptable gifts are usually those which have been chosen with due consideration to the recipient's taste, but, behind every present, there must lie thoughtfulness and the wish to please, and herein lies the true art of giving presents.

MIRABELLE.

SOME HINTS.

FASHION seems to have swung back a decade in the revived popularity of dainty and decorative trifles for the dressing table. The majority of women would simply love to have a pin-cushion that masquerades as a Victorian lady, complete with crinoline and curls. Indeed, all women seem to have taken to these crinolined dolls, whether in the form of pin holders, telephone covers, tea cosies or hold-alls. Then there are many particularly lovely powder bowls to be had, big flat ones, round ones, oval ones, and all exquisitely designed.

A nightdress satchet in ruched silk, perfumed delicately, and lined in contrast, is usually a prized gift, and silk stockings are always very acceptable. So also are a feather fan, a pretty handbag, a bright woolly muffler, a box of good and uncommon stationery, a handkerchief satchet, a couple of boudoir caps, a bottle of favourite perfume, a fitted dressing case, a string of really pretty beads, a silk cami, a dainty jumper or blouse, a pair of uncommon shoe buckles, a couple of tea aprons, and a pretty dressing jacket.

A few pieces of the latest music for the girl who plays the piano; a good fountain pen for the woman who writes a great deal and hasn't got one; an artistic book cover-holder, with marker to match, for the girl who reads; a pair of folding slippers in a little leather case for the girl who travels much, all are bound to please. Send books only to your closest friends—and not even to them, except you know their likes and dislikes in the way of literature.

If you care for none of these things, or you cannot tell what your friend would appreciate, you never can go far wrong if you decide to buy her a box of chocolates.

It is when one comes to consider presents for the men folk that the task is even more difficult. Don't ever buy pipes or cigars for a man, cigarettes are different, because you know what he smokes, and can get him a box of his favourite brand. Leave ties and socks alone too, if you must give a masculine friend either of these things, the only safe course to pursue is to take him in and let him choose them himself. But there are other and safer gifts. A pair of plain gold cuff-links, with his initials engraved in a neat monogram, will earn you any man's thanks. Some perfectly plain linen handkerchiefs, an ebony walking stick, a set of hair brushes in a case, a really good trouser press, a silk scarf of some dark and unobtrusive colour, a leather note case, a card case and note book combined, with pencil, or a travelling brush and comb outfit, complete with toothbrush and mirror in a neat leather case, will all be much appreciated.

Men adore things with many gadgets that fold up neatly. A knife, with a really new implement in it, is as welcome at forty as at fourteen. A really good clothes brush, with a thong to hang it up by, is a thing most men like. Also, a pair of reindeer-skin gloves, two button, in mole or beaver; if you can find out his size. Then what about a very nice leather bound loose-leaf album for the man who is keen on photography? Being loose-leaf, he can add to it at will; and for a few extra shillings, you can get his name or initials engraved on the cover.

I hope these suggestions will give you some help in the making out of your Christmas list which, speaking from experience, is always attended by difficulties, and is my own pet aversion at this festive season.

MADELINE QUIN.

THE CHILDREN.

IT needs more thoughtfulness "than half the world dreams of," if the choice of Christmas presents for Nurseryland is to meet with approval.

After all, even the small people of nurseryland have their own individual tastes, their own distinctive likes and dislikes, in the matter of toys.

It is a fatal mistake to adopt the old-fashioned principle that all girls like dolls, and it is an equally mistaken policy to imagine that soldiers are the only acceptable gifts for boys.

The girl who, with her brother is possessed with the "collecting" fever, is faced with bitter disappointment when the interesting looking parcel discloses a ladylike doll, instead of the longed-for album to hold her precious cigarette pictures. The boy who is engine mad, and longs for an extra junction or double signal to complete his railway outfit, experiences a similar chill to his expectations when his parcel reveals the redoubtable cavalry regiment.

Yet a little more thought, for it is not a question of money, could make all the difference in the happiness of nurseryland.

It is only by taking the trouble to know our small friends that we can hope to be successful in our Christmas shopping.

True, this is not always possible, but it is generally easy, with the help of a little common-sense, to avoid the worse offences.

Two of these suggest themselves. There is the fatal mistake of forgetting the child's age, and sending a babyish gift to a boy or girl who has quite outgrown that stage; there is the equally thoughtless mistake of giving an only child a game of toys which can only be used in company, while a present of a paint-box, a glitter wax modelling outfit, or Meccano would provide entertainment for many a solitary hour.

It is, however, the crowded book shops that offer the greatest dangers to the unwary Christmas shoppers.

There are a number of people who cheerfully imagine that they have solved the difficult problem of suitable presents for children when they have decided, with a sigh of relief, that "a book will do." Very probably nothing would be more appreciated if the right book were chosen; but alas, there are rocks ahead.

Without any definite ideas in their heads, the would-be sensible grown-ups launch forth into the dangerous unknown seas of juvenile literature, forgetful of the fact that, while there are treasures of priceless worth to be found, there is an equal amount of rubbish disguised in attractive bindings to tempt the unwary.

It is worth while remembering that many old favourites, such as Robinson Crusoe, no longer appeal to the small critics of the rising generation; yet the appreciation of fairy lore still reigns supreme in the children's library, and the well-known tales of Hans Anderson, Grim and Andrew Lang are allotted an honoured place on nursery bookshelves, while Kipling's fascinating "Just So Stories" and Beatrix Potter's Tale of Peter Rabbit, and other books for the little ones, are equally beloved by the modern child.

After all, it is only by a careful study of the child's point of view, rather than our own, that we can hope to choose our Christmas presents aright. It is quite a simple matter to choose a child's book or toy to please ourselves; it requires both a sympathetic and understanding nature to fathom the mysteries of child psychology.

A. R. F.

SOME CHRISTMAS RECIPES FOR THE COOK.

THE ICING OF CHRISTMAS CAKES.

Since November 21st many recipes for Christmas dishes—all tested by our cookery expert—have appeared in this column. To-day we give the following for Christmas cakes.

These rules should be observed when icing cakes:—

Pass the icing sugar through a hair sieve, taking care that the sieve and spoon are perfectly clean.

Strain the lemon juice before using.

For butter icing use the best fresh butter.

Take care not to let any cake crumbs, etc., fall into the icing; they stop up the forcers, causing loss of time and unnecessary trouble.

Keep the icing covered over with a clean, damp cloth after it is made, to prevent the surface from getting dry.

Mix glace icing smoothly before warming, and do not let it get very hot, as it loses its shiny appearance.

Before using, test the consistency by lifting it up on the back of a wooden spoon. More sugar or liquid may be added as required.

Wash and dry the icing bags and forcers immediately they are done with.

For a rich cake that requires keeping for some weeks before it is cut, it is best to give it one coating of icing to keep in the richness, and not to finish icing and decorating until a day or two before using, in order that it may be as white as possible.

WATER ICING.

Ingredients.—Two or three tablespoonfuls boiling water, half pound sifted icing sugar, flavouring.

Method.—Mix all together.

N.B.—Different flavourings and colourings may be added as desired—e.g., coffee essence.

CHOCOLATE WATER ICING.

Ingredients. — *Six ounces icing sugar, three ounces grated chocolate, one and a half tablespoonfuls water, one teaspoonful Vanilla essence.*

Method.—Boil chocolate and water together, add sugar, and beat well.

ROYAL ICING.

Ingredients.—Half pound sieved icing sugar, lemon juice, two whites eggs.

Method. — *Add sugar gradually to slightly whisked eggs, then add lemon juice, and beat well till perfectly white.*

MOUNTAIN OR FEATHER ICING.

Ingredients. — *One pound loaf sugar, two whites eggs, one gill water.*

Method.—Whisk slightly the whites of eggs. Dissolve the sugar in the water, and then boil together until 240 degrees is registered on the saccharometer; pour this syrup on to the whites of eggs, and whisk until the mixture begins to thicken; then pour the icing over the cake.

N.B.—This icing may be coloured if preferred.

ALMOND ICING OR PASTE.

Ingredients. — *Three-quarter pound ground almonds, three-quarter pound icing sugar, one tablespoonful orange flower water, few drops almond essence, two whole eggs, or two whites or two yolks.*

Method. — *Mix almonds and sugar well together, add almond essence, orange flower water and, lastly, beaten eggs. Knead well.*

N.B. — *Equal quantities of almonds, icing sugar and castor sugar may be used if liked.*

MINCEMEAT (PLAIN).

Ingredients. — *Quarter pound raisins, quarter pound sultanas, half pound currants, half pound apples, half teaspoonful ginger, half teaspoonful cinnamon, two ounces brown sugar, quarter pound suet, two ounces peel, half nutmeg, quarter teaspoonful mixed spice, one lemon, good pinch salt.*

Method. — *Stone and chop the raisins, rub and pick the sultanas, wash, pick and dry the currants, mince the suet and peel finely, peel and mince the apples, grate the rind of the lemon thinly, strain the juice, mix everything together, press into jars, and cover till required.*

MINCEMEAT (RICH).

Ingredients.—One pound beef suet, one and a quarter pounds currants, one pound Valencia raisins, three-quarter pound minced peel, six large apples, half pound almonds, rind of one lemon, juice of two lemons, three-quarter pound moist sugar, one teaspoonful salt, one teaspoonful ground ginger, one teaspoonful ground cloves, one teaspoonful ground all-spice, one grated nutmeg, quarter pint brandy, quarter pint sherry, quarter pint rum.

Method.—Chop apples and suet finely, chop and peel almonds, stone and chop raisins thoroughly, grate lemon rind. Mix everything well. Press into jars. Cover with parchment.

A SIMPLE PUDDING.

Ingredients. — *Quarter pound breadcrumbs, quarter pound flour, quarter pound suet, two ounces dates (chopped), quarter pound brown sugar, two ounces prunes (cut up), two ounces currants, two ounces raisins, one ounce candied peel, one carrot (grated), half teaspoonful mixed spice, quarter pint milk, two eggs. Enough for 6 or 7 persons.*

Method.—Mix all the dry ingredients together, moisten with the liquid, steam for four hours.

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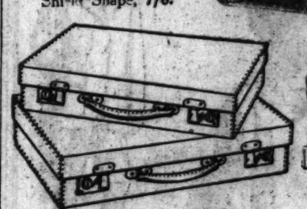

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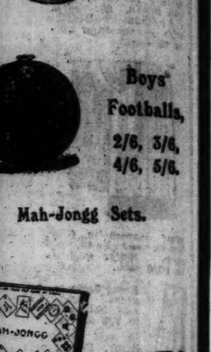

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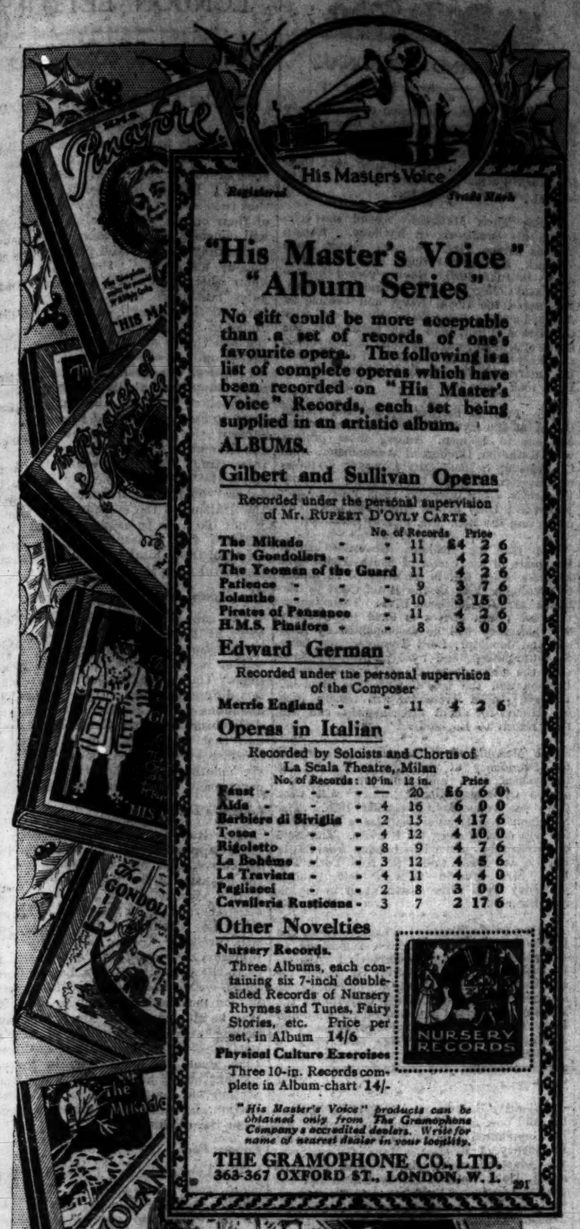

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IRISH RAILWAY PROBLEM.

DAIL REJECTS THE LABOUR PARTY'S SOLUTION.

BOUNDARY MUST BE FIXED FIRST.

By 56 votes against 16 yesterday the Dail refused a second reading to the Labour Party's Transport Bill.

President Cosgrave complimented the leader of the Labour Party on the care with which the bill had been drafted and on the knowledge of the problem that he had shown in introducing it.

The bill, however, the President said, would not solve the complicated problem of the railways. The Government had given the problem months of anxious consideration, but so far had been unable to find a solution.

One great point to be borne in mind was that the boundary problem must be settled before the future of the railways could be determined. In the meanwhile the existing system of control should be regarded as "on trial."

ARREARS OF RATES.

GOVERNMENT'S NEW BILL.

The Postmaster-General made a statement, which is published in another column, on the report of the Postal Commission.

The Interpretation Bill was passed through all its remaining stages.

The Minister for Local Government was given leave to introduce the Local Government (Collection of Rates) Bill. This is a measure to authorise the adoption of special remedies and procedure for the recovery of arrears of rates now due, including collection during a limited period through the Post Office.

The Minister said that the present financial condition of local authorities was very precarious. The arrears of rates outstanding amounted approximately to £3,000,000, and bank overdrafts to over £800,000. It was absolutely essential for the carrying on of the public services of the country that the outstanding rates should be collected without delay.

The second stage of the bill was fixed for January 15th.

A bill was introduced to validate the appointments of coroners for Limerick City and County Westmeath, and to make certain persons who had resigned from the office of Justice of the Peace qualified to be appointed as coroners.

REDEEMING A PLEDGE.

The Minister for Finance opened the second reading debate of the Dail Eireann Loans and Funds Bill, which, he said, was for the purpose of repaying sums borrowed by Dail Eireann in 1919, 1920, and 1921. The bill provided for the discharge of obligations incurred to investors in Ireland and in America. In Ireland the Loan issued in August, 1919, brought in £378,000, practically all in small sums. It was proposed to issue to the subscribers Savings Certificates, repayable with interest on June 1st, 1927. Those Certificates could be exchanged by those who wanted cash. The total amount raised in America was 5,859,675 dollars, and there was held up by litigation a sum of 2,300,000 dollars.

A very good purpose was served by the National Land Bank, and the shares in the National Land Bank were certainly a very valuable asset. In addition to that, he thought that there was held by this society about £91,000 in cash. The payment of the loan was a moral obligation, because these people cast their bread upon the waters, and it was only right now that it should be returned to them. Had it not been for the generosity and faith of the people who subscribed to this Loan, they certainly would not be a Free State to-day.

The Loan was used as economically as possible by the elected Government of the Irish people of the day, and he believed that they had got good value for it. It was up to the present Government to see that the subscribers were paid back in accordance with the terms of the prospectus.

The bill was read a second time.

MINISTERS BILL.

The President said that the next item was the Ministers and Secretaries Bill. He made a statement about it on the previous night, but he overlooked the fact that they were in the middle of a section. He asked the House now to take up that section. It would not take long.

This was agreed to.

Mr. Davin moved in Section 8, Sub-Section 1, lines 56 and 57, to delete the words "there shall be and there is hereby constituted a Council of Defence to assist the Minister for Defence," and to substitute therefor the words "it shall be lawful for the Minister for Defence to establish a Council of Defence to assist him."

Mr. Mulcahy (Minister of Defence) repeated some of his arguments of the previous evening in support of a Statutory Council of Defence, which would consist of the heads of a number of administrative departments. It would be better than a Council selected in a haphazard way, and would relieve the Minister of Defence from a stain which would be too great for any man.

The Attorney-General opposed the amendment.

Mr. Johnson said that if they constituted a Council in the way suggested by the Government, they would be limiting it to the names mentioned, and they could not call in another Minister who might be specially qualified to act in time of stress.

The amendment was defeated without a division.

TWO OFFICES.

Major Bryan Cooper moved in Sub-Section (2), lines 4 and 5, page 7, to delete the words, "under the style of Commander-in-Chief." He said that they had power under the Treaty to raise an Army, and they should have power to control the Army; and no amount of special pleading would get over that. He proposed to address his arguments to the point whether the office of Minister of Defence and Commander-in-Chief should be separate.

He referred to the offices of Commander-in-Chief and Minister for War in other countries, and said that he thought outside of this country there was not a single precedent for combining the functions of Minister for Defence and Commander-in-Chief.

The Attorney-General said that the Minister of Defence had to be a member of the Dail, and no member of the Dail could be an officer on active service. The Minister for Defence could not be an active soldier. The object of the provision was to make the office of the Commander-in-Chief, of which the powers were vested in the Executive Council, personal to the Minister of Defence, so that in the case of other Ministries, the office was made personal to the Minister. He would have to act as Chairman of the Army Council. In a state of war the command in the field would be vested by the Executive Council in some outstanding officer.

Mr. Johnson said that, in his opinion, the Dail and Oireachtas ought quite definitely to assert its will in this matter. The question had been raised whether they liked it or not, and an answer had to be given to the question.

Mr. O'Sullivan advised Major Cooper to withdraw his amendment.

Major Cooper said that he would prefer to withdraw it, but if the House wanted to express its opinion, in view of what took place yesterday, he would have it to be put.

Finally, on the suggestion of the Attorney-General, the House agreed that the subsection be amended to read: "Members of the Council of Defence shall hold that office at the pleasure of the Executive Council acting on the recommendation of the Minister for Defence."

Section 8 was then approved of, and further consideration of the Committee stage of the bill was adjourned to January 15.

TRANSPORT BILL.

THE NUMBER OF DIRECTORS.

The House resumed the second reading stage of the Labour Party's Transport and Communications Bill.

Mr. Cosgrave said that the fact emphasised in the debate that there were 170 directors attempting to administer the railways in the Saorstat almost amounted to a scandal. It would be a good thing for the general public if there could be found some means, whether unification or grouping, or some other system, to do away with these 170 directors, or reduce them to something like a reasonable number.

The bill was a child of compromise—a child of opportunity. It was the beginning of Socialism, and before they took a step in that direction they ought to be very careful of where the road led to.

Mr. P. J. Egan said that they owed a debt of gratitude to Deputy Johnson for introducing a bill which, with all its faults and demerits—and there were many—would have the effect of posting public opinion on what he considered was one of the most vital problems in connection with the general agricultural and commercial prosperity of the country. He believed that it was quite possible that eventually some form of State nationalisation would be found necessary for this country. He emphasised the word eventually because nationalisation of railways was a matter which should be approached by slow degrees and by steps.

The railways were over-capitalised, and he believed that 170 directors were not necessary for running the railways in a small country like Ireland. Railways were run principally for the purpose of getting dividends for shareholders rather than for the development of the country. (Hear, hear.) Deputy Johnson and his colleagues had made a fair *prima facie* case for the eventual nationalisation of the railways.

Although he was in considerable sympathy with the general principle of nationalisation he thought that this was a case where they should hasten slowly, and it was because he would like to see railway nationalisation being started on decent footing, and with a reasonable chance of success, and with everything in its favour, that, with all his predilection for nationalisation, he could not vote for the bill.

He thought that the first step towards nationalisation ought to be unification or coordination of all existing railways. There were too many railways, and there ought to be one definite co-ordinating policy.

NO REASON.

Mr. T. J. O'Connell said that Deputy O'Mahony referred to confiscation, but the question of confiscation did not arise. Those who were responsible for introducing this bill had given the House an idea of what they thought were reasonable terms of purchase in all the circumstances. There was no reason why State business should not be carried on as efficiently as private enterprises. It was remarkable that they could be told on the question of rates that goods could be sent from Ireland to England cheaper than goods could be sent from point to point in Ireland. The primary consideration should be internal communication. In the past that was not the case.

The unification of the railways would cause more economical working. They would have all the advantages which arose from competition without the disadvantages of the present overlapping and waste. The proposers of the bill did not ask at that stage that the House should agree with the details of the measure. What was before the Dail was the main principle—whether or not transport and the means of transport should be acquired and owned by the State in the interests of the community as a whole, or whether they were to continue as they were and be run for profit of individuals.

Mr. P. Doyle said that he supported the principle, but feared that owing to the abnormal condition of affairs in the country it was rather a serious problem to undertake now.

MINISTER'S VIEW.

The Minister for Agriculture described Deputy Egan's speech as the first concrete proposal they had got towards the solution of this extremely difficult question. Most of the deputies were on common ground when speaking of the high railway rates and the want of efficiency of the services, but what was the remedy? He personally was not in favour of nationalisation at this stage and under existing circumstances. He did not hide from himself the fact that in a country predominatingly agricultural, and likely to continue so for a long time, it might become the duty of the Government to take special and particular measures with regard to the railways.

This was not the time to talk of the nationalisation of the railways when the boundary had not yet been determined, and when there was in existence a system of through rates and the most complicated relations between the Irish and the English railways. Those factors made the problem an extremely complicated one. They could, of course, go a long way to solve their difficulties if, like Deputy Johnson, they could write off 30 per cent. of the railway capital and railway interest.

The railways of Ireland passed through a period of Government control during the war followed by two years of revolution, and another year of rebellion, when the energies of a large number of people were directed towards smashing them up. It was not the time to take the railways emerging from all these experiences, and tell them they were going to be nationalised on terms that were not better because they as a commercial concern did not deserve better terms.

He had no doubt that unification should come quickly, and it was the duty of the Government to see that unification did come. He did not admit that with a unified system the State would not have better results than with nationalisation. The proposal in the bill was to take over the railways at a time when they had emerged from four or five years of inefficient control, and three or four years of destruction. There was no analogy between the Land Bill and the Railway Bill.

SHAREHOLDERS.

The shareholders were entitled to a chance, and the Government should see that the lines were unified and efficiently managed, and that the shareholders were treated reasonably. To reduce the cost of freight by one penny at present they should have more efficient management, or they should cut down the interest on stock.

To meet this extremely important and complicated question, which affected farmers more than anybody else, they should have some constructive suggestion to meet this problem from the Farmers' Party. He was anxious to have such a suggestion.

Whether they solved this problem by unification or nationalisation, it was a problem that should be solved; and they were prepared to solve it on one ground only—namely, the control of Irish railways by Irishmen, and to give the best service in all the circumstances, whether that took the form of State direction or not.

Mr. Heffernan said that he held no brief for railway shareholders, but their interests should be considered. Under this bill the railways would be run in the interests of railway employes.

Mr. Dalton said that the present system was absolutely faulty owing to the management. That the State should have more control over the railways was, to his mind, an absolute necessity. Unification was the one solution, and if the Government brought forward a scheme of that kind they should retain in their hands a certain control over the railways. The present situation was not going to be met by State ownership.

Alderman Corish said that nationalisation was mentioned in that House as a sort of bogey, without any deputy trying to find out whether it was going to be advantageous or not to the country. It was not the fact that this bill had been brought forward merely to try to increase workers' wages.

A FARMER'S VIEW.

Mr. McKenna (Farmers) said that the settlement of the railway problem would eventually have to come, but the time was not ripe for that yet. Of the alternatives he preferred grouping to unification. He had a good deal of sympathy with Deputy Johnson's bill; but there was another thing that Labour would have to face. That was that the country would be very nervous about allowing the Government to nationalise industries until Labour showed more competence than it had shown during the past few years at the Port of Dublin.

He would favour some sort of board of management for the railways similar to what was recommended by the O'Connor Commission. He hoped at least the Government would take an early opportunity of doing away with the obsolete Act which set up the "owner's risk" liability for the benefit of the railway companies. Another matter requiring immediate consideration was that of the cruelty inflicted on live stock while in transit on the railways. Through this the country was at an annual loss of three million pounds.

Mr. Wilson (Farmers) said that the Minister for Agriculture accused the party he belonged to of never putting forward a constructive proposal. If the Farmers' Party had 50 or 60 deputies and the resources of the State behind it, they would find a solution of the railway problem. The whole question was how to obtain cheaper freights. If cheaper freights could be obtained by any means besides nationalisation, it was their duty to try those means. He believed that the best results would come from unification, because there was not enough traffic to go round among all the companies.

Mr. G. Lyons (Ind. Labour) appealed, as "a bird alone," to the members of the Dail to vote for the bill.

PRESIDENT COSGRAVE.

President Cosgrave said that he thought Deputy Johnson deserved all that had been said about him in connection with this matter, and he thought he ought to be very well satisfied with the reception of the bill. He was certain, from what he knew of this particular problem, that it would not have been possible to have brought in this bill without the very closest study and very great knowledge of railways generally in Ireland, and of the whole subject.

This was a very intricate matter. They had something like 36 different railway companies in the Saorstat, from the great big companies down to such companies as the Dublin and Blessington and Dublin and Lucan lines. Those 36 separate undertakings had for the most part separate managements, staffs, rolling stock, repairing shops and other incidentals to railway systems. They differed materially and radically from each other in method, policy, services rendered, revenue and equipment. From the information given to him on the subject, he believed that, in regarding them as one system, the matter was not properly understood.

The system was not self-contained. In the North it contained systems which went in and came out many times over the boundary, and they should remember that that boundary had not yet been permanently fixed. Apart from that consideration, and regarding the system as an internal one to the Saorstat, there were problems arising out of the fact that a large proportion of the Irish trade was carried on in places outside the Saorstat—in Great Britain and in the six counties—and that the Saorstat railways were a part only, and even the smallest part of a great system.

When the problems which confronted the Government during the last year were considered, and when the complexity of this railway problem was appreciated, he thought that the House would not be surprised that the Government had not within that time been able to present them with a reorganisation scheme. The Government had come to the conclusion, and he thought not without some reason, that the Saorstat was a country that required a considerable amount of attention from them, and to add another complex problem like this to it was a burden which, he thought, the State was not sufficiently strong to bear at present.

NO ANALOGY.

It had been compared, in so far as proposals for the acquisition of railways were concerned, as somewhat like the Land Purchase Bill which had been passed, and which was really a sort of step-brother to the previous one passed in 1903. Before the Land Bill was introduced in 1903 a certain agreement was reached between the two parties, and the State came in with its credit; but in this particular instance they would have to go in with more than their credit, and not to make arrangements with two parties, but to take over the assets and liabilities of one and to pay the other what was considered a fair price. That was not the position that confronted the landlords and tenants in 1903. In this particular instance it was proposed to take a certain income on an average of, he thought, three years——

Mr. Johnson—Five years.

President Cosgrave said that deputies ought to consider that shareholders in railways were not exclusively well-to-do, and as many of their stocks were regarded as trustee stocks one should be very careful about tampering with securities of that sort, or he might be faced with another problem, not, perhaps, as serious, but in the long run it might have greater disadvantages than some of the problems that the Government had to deal with.

Taking the figure as one million odd pounds, at fifteen years' purchase it would work out at about 16½ millions, and taking the amount of capital on which the dividends were payable as 27½ millions, someone had got to lose a considerable sum of money. If they took the dividends on the 16½ millions as £742,000, there would be a very considerable loss falling not at all on those who bought luxuries, but, perhaps, upon many orphans, widows and charitable institutions, who, if deprived of their revenue, would certainly look to supplement it in some other way.

It might be reasonably stated for these people that well-managed railway companies had reserves, and that they might claim to have some interest in these reserves.

They should also remember that during the last two or three years these railways had been subjected to very considerable interference. In one of them last year, he remembered hearing, the earnings were about 50 per cent. short. It would, therefore, seem that from a point of view of nationalisation the railways were at their worst.

HASTEN SLOWLY.

He would say to the House just now that they ought to approach the consideration of a subject like this very carefully, so as to maintain the position which they had acquired—that was, that their credit was fairly good, and that there was generally prevalent throughout the country a feeling of confidence that there was not likely to be, either now or in the future, any schemes put forward there of a confiscatory nature. (Hear, hear.) The Labour members, to be quite fair to them, did not want that.

Since 1914, it was right to say, with all their faults, the railway management and railway directors scarcely had had a free hand in the management of their respective concerns, and the Government's idea was that there ought to be a period of trial. Possibly that period of trial might be a period in which a great many errors might crop up, but he did not think it at all likely, having regard to the general state of affairs in the country, that the railway directors would be utterly unmindful of the general interests of the country and of the general feeling that more consideration should be given to trade and commerce, and that the whole object should not be to have comfortable directorships and large dividends.

Dividends, salaries, and wages must ultimately depend on the efficiency of the railways. He thought it had come to this—and not alone in regard to railways—that both employers and employes alike must cut their cloth according to the means, and also according to the needs of the country, because he did not think that any service, whether in connection with railways, agriculture, or industries, could be really independent of other services, and that the future of any one of them would ultimately react on the others.

NO TROUBLE SPARED.

He thought that it was unnecessary to assure that House that no trouble had been spared during the past twelve months in working out this question. Members might smile, but he felt that members of most parties in the House knew that when there were questions of divisions and disputes it took months to find an accommodation for them. The proposals in some cases did not appeal to either parties, but it was the duty of the Government to see how accommodation might be found.

There were in addition to the great railway lines the smaller lines known as the Light Railways, guaranteed lines and other burdens which the members will understand. These lines found it difficult to pay, and reorganisation as far as they were concerned, was absolutely essential. The real question was, if they could not have nationalisation, what was the alternative? The question to be solved was how far the managements could be centralised. There were, of course, limitations in connection with centralisation which could not be determined. The Northern boundary question had not yet been settled, and no settlement of the railway problem could be certain before it was settled. He was sure that they all agreed with that.

Nothing would be gained, and there would be many disadvantages, by the application now of any drastic scheme and alteration of the several undertakings, whose lines run in and out over the border, and it would not be common-sense to propose to sever them. There were also other considerations which required examination by any Government anxious to face the question.

One was the traffic in future between the Irish lines and the English rail and shipping lines as well as those of other countries. It was well known that English railway corporations, particularly the railways on the West coast of Great Britain, were interested in Irish traffic. They had incurred large expenditure on railway and harbour works in this country, and they had performed great services to Irish trade in regard to shipping and railway facilities. He thought it would be admitted that much of the Irish trade was dependent on these facilities, and, indeed, the Irish public, whether sending or receiving by rail or consuming goods sent by rail, were under an obligation to the successive managements of these English railways.

GOOD RELATIONS.

He hoped and expected that they might rely upon the maintenance and development of these facilities, and that the Government would do whatever it reasonably could to continue to promote close working relations with these companies and with the shipping companies across Channel, as well as with the railways beyond the Northern boundary. He mentioned these things because the bill before the House was a little too plain and too simple, and because this question was a very intricate and delicate matter of business.

He was not in a position at the present moment to give a detailed indication of the Government's views on railway reorganisation. The Government had not completed its examination of all the factors involved. It would be neglecting its duty to the community to put forward a scheme which in any particular point was defective. He hoped to be able to mention before long what was the result of their examination of this question. No other subject had more occupied their time and attention, but they had not yet found any results which they could satisfactorily present to the House. He could, however, assure them that the question had lost nothing by reason of the time which had been devoted to it since the matter was first raised in the House.

Those who differed most from the Labour Party had to admit that there was genius put into this bill, and that they had treated it in a masterly manner. He would, however, be failing in his duty if he did not ask the House to reject the measure.

THE SOLE PURPOSE.

Mr. Johnson (Labour), concluding the debate, said that those on the benches with him had not succeeded in extracting from the Government what was in their minds with regard to this problem. The President had said that the problem was a complex one, and that some plan of centralisation was necessary. That might mean centralisation within a very small or a very large radius. They were told they had to wait for the completion of the Government consideration of the problem, and, therefore, traders, farmers, and railway stockholders would have to wait. Certain deputies seemed to be unable to think it possible for a political party to have views on a public question which were not intended to feather the nest of the people behind that party. The bill had been thought over, and introduced with an eye on the public interests solely. The nationalisation of railways was not the only, nor even the main, fact in the bill, of which, necessarily, it occupied the greater portion. It was suggested that there should be set up a Ministry of Transport and Communications, to be responsible for the gradual co-ordination of the work of the services of transport and communications within the country. Coordination could not be brought about effectively and efficiently where there are various methods of transport and communication under various and, perhaps, antagonistic authorities. In a co-ordinated system there would be large economy through opportunities for fitting in one service with another—the railways with the telegraphs, with the roads, with the canals, and with the air service, when that reached a point of development. Co-ordination was the important portion of the bill, and, whatever its fate that day, he hoped that the Government would take it into consideration and set up a co-ordinating authority, whether the railways were to be nationalised or not.

The motion for the second reading of the Transport and Communications Bill was then put, and declared lost by 56 votes against 16.

STREET-RAISING COSTS.

DISCUSSION AT DUBLIN PORT BOARD.

At the sitting of the Dublin Port and Docks Board yesterday, Councillor M. J. Moran said that Senator Moran, at the preceding meeting, asserted that work being carried out by the Corporation at Eden quay would cost £20,000. He had got the figures, and the cost would be £8,000, if not less.

Senator Moran said that his information was that because of the raising of the street level the public weigh-house would have to be removed and rebuilt, and the weigh-bridge brought up to the new level. He arrived at the approximate figure of £20,000 by comparison with other work of the same sort. Instead of depriving the citizens of the use of the weighbridge for months, provision for the effect of the alteration of the levels on the weigh-house should have been made beforehand.

Councillor Moran—The correct figure is £8,000, and not £20,000.

Senator Moran—I have no hesitation in saying that more than £20,000 has been wasted in raising street levels in that neighbourhood, from Eden quay to Annesley Bridge.

Alderman Byrne said that at the last meeting a tender for repairs was accepted from the Dublin Shipbuilders, Ltd., and he asked if that were subject to the fair wages clause adopted by the Board. His information was that all the work of the Dublin Shipbuilders was being done by apprentices at very small wages.

The Chairman (Mr. D. Barry) said that he had no reason to think that the fair wages resolution would be not observed. They might take it from him that the fair wages regulation would be recognised.

The Finance Committee recommended that an all-round reduction of wages of 4s. a week, not to apply to tradesmen, be put into force from January 1st.

Councillor Daly moved that consideration of the matter be adjourned for a week, with a view to a conference with the Transport Workers' Union.

The Chairman said that the Board had got to bring down its charges if they were to compete with Belfast, where there had been another substantial reduction in dues. Dublin port was losing ground because of its high charges, and another reduction of dues would have to be faced. That could only be met by a reduction of expenses.

It was agreed that immediate negotiations be opened with the Transport Union with a view to arranging an all-round reduction of wages, to apply from January 1st if possible.

Mr. Kelly said that he was in London last week, and found it next to impossible to charter boats for Dublin because of the high charges here. Where 13s. was charged for discharging in Dublin in Belfast it was 6s. 9d. It was becoming impossible to get boats for Dublin.

Alderman Byrne said that the Government was prepared to make grants for constructive work, and the opportunity was one for the Board to take advantage of.

Mr. Hewat said that the time was opportune for the Board to consider the question of getting money for structural improvements at the port. Unemployment would largely decrease if people with money could be inspired with confidence to put it into constructive works. Labour might reasonably be asked to co-operate.

The Chairman said that he was prepared to knock at the door of the Government if Labour would agree to wages being put on an economic basis.

Alderman O'Brien said that the workers would not accept wages that would not allow them to live in decency and comfort.

The whole question was referred to the Finance Committee.

AN INTERESTING AUCTION.

Yesterday Mr. McArthur sold as a going concern the old-established tea-rooms and restaurant known as "Wheatan's," 43 Antrim street, Dublin. Bidding began at £500, and was carried on by offers of £25 until the sum of £850 was reached. The auctioneer then accepted £8 bids, and the property was finally sold at nine hundred and eighty guineas. Mr. John Cusack, solicitor, had carriage of the sale, and Mr. C. J. Murray represented the purchaser.

During the removal of an old laurel-tree near Furness Abbey, a small, stone-built chamber or wall was discovered, in the bottom of which were an old gold watch, a beautifully figured wine-glass, and some ancient clay pipes. How they came there is not known, nor was anything known of the chamber.

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Also present:—Sir Walter H. Boyd, Bart., K.C. (Vice-Chairman); Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer); Orlando F. Bester, Esq., LL.B.; F. C. Earle Bland, Esq.; Patrick J. Brady, Esq.; E. Clive Brooks, Esq.; Alfred T. Collins, Esq.; Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Dunne, P.P., V.G.; Wm. Findlater, Esq., M.A.; W. Houghton Fry, Esq.; Sir Joseph A. Glynn, Wm. M. Hatte, Esq., F.S.I.; G. James Johnston, Esq., F.R.C.S.I.; Right Hon. James MacMahon, P.C.; Thomas C. McCormick, Esq.; Wm. Montgomery, Esq.; Henry J. Monahan, Esq., B.L.; Sir John R. O'Connell, LL.D., J.P.; F. R. Ridgeway, Esq.; Sir George Roche, George B. Symes, Esq.; Major Arthur Whewell.

Apologies for non-attendance were received from—H. Hall Cooper, Esq.; W. T. Kennan, Esq., J.P.; J. T. Wood Latimer, Esq., J.P.; Alfred D. Pim, Esq., M.Inst. C.E.; Frederick W. Smith, Esq.; and Robert G. Tomlinson, Esq.

The Chairman extended a hearty welcome to Mr. George B. Symes on his first attendance at a meeting of the Executive Committee.

The proceedings of the last meeting of the Committee, and also that of the Visiting and Finance Committees, were read, confirmed, and signed. On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, cheques amounting to £402 16/3 were signed in settlement of monthly accounts, leaving the large sum of £8,614 3/4 due to the bank.

The Registrar laid on the table a list of the Managing Committee, arranged in accordance with the bye-laws, the names of the members retiring next month having previously been announced.

The Chairman reported that the annual sale of patients' work, held at the Hospital on 22nd and 23rd November, was most successful. The total sales amounted to £131 0/1, and the tea-room receipts to £24 5/1; 949 articles were disposed of, and 79 patients participated in the distribution. The results were noted by the Committee with satisfaction. The sale was opened by His Excellency the Governor-General, who subsequently visited every ward in the Hospital, and graciously recorded the following minute in the visitors' book:—

"I was astonished at the vastness of the Hospital, and greatly impressed by its cleanliness and comfort. I was glad to see that the wants and entertainments of the patients are so well catered for, and pronounce the undertaking one deserving of the support of the entire community.

"(Signed) T. M. HEALY.

"22nd November, 1923."

Read book "Remarks by Visiting Governors," which contained the following:—

"We have visited the Hospital several times, and found all in perfect order.

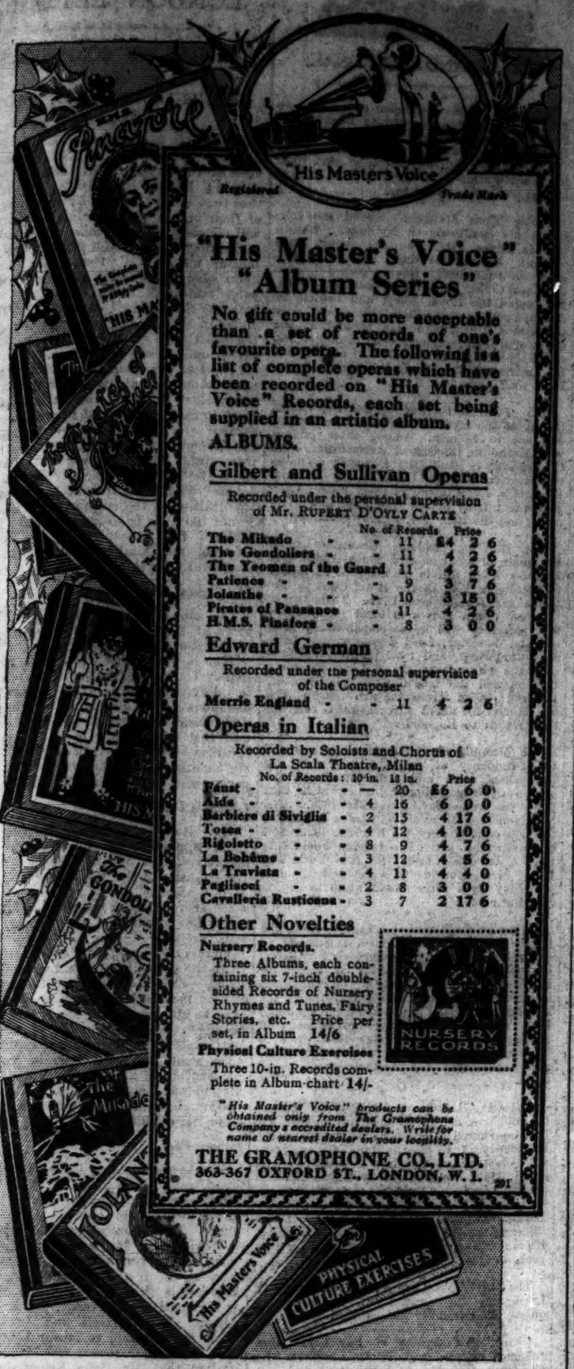
"(Miss A. L. NEWSOM.
"(Miss) LAURA BORKE.

"17/11/1923."

The report books of the Lady Superintendent and the Resident Medical Officer were read and approved of. Patients in the Hospital this day, 212, viz.—92 males, 120 females.

The Committee tender their grateful thanks for the following kind contributions received since last meeting:—£7—John D. Kenny, Esq., J.P. £5 7/6—Miss E. T. Raynell (collection). £5 5/- each—Frank Bethell, Esq.; Miss Violet Cooper. £3 each—Messrs. Arnotts and Co. (Dublin), Ltd.; A Friend, "B." (per Hon. Treasurer). £4—J. N. G. £3 5/- each—Right Hon. Mr. Justice Samuels, P.C.; William Warnam, Esq. £3 each—Thomas Armstrong, Esq.; Miss Archdall. £2 2/- each—W. R. Lemon, Esq., M.D.; W. Sibley, Esq.; Major H. Cusack, D.L.; Messrs. W. and A. Gilbey, Mrs. Laurence Malone (Life Governor), Lieut.-Colonel J. C. W. Reck, A. C. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer) (patron); John G. Quinn, Esq.; Mrs. Gerald Mooney (Life Governor). £2 each—Mrs. James Gatchell, Messrs. Brown, Thomas and Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Walter Brown and Co., "A Grateful Patient," Mrs. O'Rourke, William Hoe, Esq., J.P.; Mrs. Wilkinson, Lady Clonbrock, Alderman M. Flanagan. £1 11/6—Miss H. M. Jones (collection) (Life Governor). £1 1/- each—Mrs. John Lentaigne (Life Governor), Miss O'Brien (Life Governor), Dr. Euphan M. Maxwell, Rev. W. H. A. Trusell, Lieut. Arthur H. S. Orpen, Messrs. Weir and Sons, Joseph O'Donoghue, Esq.; Mrs. John Weatherill, J.P.; O'Sullivan, Esq.; Lewis Whyte, Esq., J.P.; Mrs. J. Hamilton Reid, F. J. Jackson, Esq.; Miss Annie Thomson, Robert Nicol, Esq.; Mrs. Lydia Nicol. £1 0/4—Miss R. E. Roche. £1 each—Rev. Aloysius Corbett, O.D.C.; (Life Governor), Mrs. M. H. Newman (per Chairman), Miss Hannah Hone, the Misses Calverwell, 1, Morrogh Ryan, Esq. (Life Governor), J. Andrew, Esq.; Miss Morris, "A Grateful Patient," "Anonymous" (per Miss O'Brien), Ambrose Aliaga Kelly, Esq. (Life Governor), Mrs. Ambrose Aliaga Kelly (Life Governor), Lady Franks, Miss Parker, Messrs. J. W. Elvery and Co., Ltd.; Thomas Edmondson Trust" (per the Misses Edmondson), Mrs. J. H. Bolton, Rev. Joseph Hickey, C.C., George H. Lowry, Esq.; William M. Hatte, Esq., F.S.I. (Life Governor), Mrs. William Meade, W. S. Hunt, Esq., J. Le Fanu, Esq.; Miss Lily Atkinson, Miss Selina M. Ormsby, Miss Hemphill, Messrs. A. Millar and Co., Ltd.; Miss Mary S. Packer, Miss Elinor W. Hobson (Life Governor). £1—Mrs. and Miss Worrall. 10/6—Miss E. T. Ramsay. 10/- each—Miss Gilvie, Hamilton, Captain J. Anthoney, Rev. Canon W. H. Scott, William M. Wright, Esq., M.D.; Mrs. R. Huggard, Lady Richards, Miss L. Smythe, R. P. Eustace, Esq.; Mrs. R. H. Scovell, Mrs. David Turner, Mrs. David Coyle (Life Governor), C. J. Lord, Esq.; R. F. Lenane, Esq. (per C. J. Lord, Esq.), Anonymous, R. J. Barton, Esq. (Life Governor). Smaller sums—£1 12/6.

The following contributions from Life Governors, to purchase Christmas delicacies for the patients, are gratefully acknowledged, and the Lady Superintendent or Registrar will gladly receive any further sums entrusted to them for the purpose:—£1 each—Miss J. L. Cantwell, William Perrin, Esq. (Chairman), Lady Anne Trench, Classon Porter, Esq.; Major Arthur Whewell, Right Rev. Monsignor J. J. Dunne, P.P., V.G. 10/6—Alfred G. Hollinshead, Esq., J.P. (Hon. Treasurer). 10/- each—Mrs. M. Vaughan, Miss A. M. Montgomery, Miss Dorothy Ridgeway, F. W. Smith, Esq.; Robert G. Tomlinson, Esq.; Mr. George Roche. Smaller sums—15/-, Rev. Mr. Sandiford, Mrs. Desvoeux, Miss Mooney, Miss Bellington Roche, Miss Nora Angela Bland, Miss Elizabeth Moore, Miss L. Bradshaw, Mrs. E. S. Lee, Mrs. A. T. Lee, Miss Foxall, Miss McGrath, Mrs. William H. Brown, Mrs. F. B. Ridgeway, Mrs. Cecil Ryan, Mrs. James Maher, Miss Edith M. Nichols, Miss Kinr, Messrs. Joseph Downes and Son, Ltd., Tea, Sugar, Coffee, Cakes, Biscuits—Messrs. R. Smyth and Sons, Ltd., Cakes and Flour; Messrs. Johnston, Mooney and O'Brien, Ltd., Butter, Cakes, Biscuits—John Shiel, Esq., Sugar, Margarine—Messrs. H. Williams and Co., Ltd., Milk—John Rafter, Esq., Delicacies—Miss O'Brien, Loan of Child—Messrs. G. Price, Ltd., Flowers—Mrs. Winslow, Holy, Mrs. R. W. Pringle, Miss L. Bradshaw, Clothing—Mrs. Despard, Mrs. B. M. O'Grady, S. C. L. Thicke, Esq., Free Carriage of Magazines, etc.—Michael O'Connor, Esq., Illustrated Papers, Magazines, etc.—Castle Golf Club (per Mrs. F. J. Brooks), Anonymous (per Chairman), Mrs. Grissell, Mrs. Nadin, Miss Carroll, Miss L. Bradshaw, Miss E. O'Connor, Miss J. Richey, Mrs. C. O. Beamish, Mrs. Goodman, Mrs. Tyrone, Mrs. H. Smyth, Miss Annie Armstrong, British Red Cross Society, Mr



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FUNERAL OF CAPTAIN QUINTIN DICK.

The first part of the funeral Service for the late Captain Quintin Dick was held at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, yesterday. Among the principal mourners were Mrs. Quintin Dick (widow), Lord and Lady Long, the Hon. Eric Long, Dowager Duchess of Abercorn, Earl Howe, Mr. and Mrs. Penn Curzon and Mr. and Mrs. Charles Curzon. The interment took place later in Kensal Green Cemetery.

THE NATIONAL CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL, 87-88 HARCOURT STREET, DUBLIN. (Founded 1821).

The Committee of Management of the National Children's Hospital held their monthly meeting in the Boardroom of the hospital yesterday, Viscount Powerscourt, K.P., presiding. Also present:—Sir S. W. Maddock, B.L.; Major Arthur Whewell, T. N. Edgeworth, Esq., B.L.; Dr. Trevor N. Smith.

The usual routine business was transacted, and cheques were drawn in payment of the November accounts.

The Committee acknowledge with thanks the following subscriptions received during the month:—Sir John P. Griffith, M.Inst.C.E., £10; Lord Killanin, £5 5/-; the Lords Longford and Dr. Yeats, £5; Miss L. Tottenham, Mrs. H. C. FitzHarris, Colonel F. S. Tottenham, £3 each; Messrs. Miller and Beatty, Ltd., £2 2/-; W. T. Kirkpatrick, Esq., the Kildare street Club, £2 each; A. Chatterton, Esq.; W. Jackson, Esq.; Lieut.-Colonel and Mrs. F. C. Beare, Mrs. Tyrrel Moughton, the Rev. Dr. Mahon, Lady Seede-Kaye, Messrs. Alexander Findlater and Co., Ltd.; Messrs. Ferrier, Pollock and Co., Ltd.; Miss B. Haigh, £1 1/- each; Mrs. F. G. Bell, Mrs. Cherry, Edward Webber Smith, Esq., Mrs. G. L. Pigott, £1 each; Mrs. Orbach and Son; Miss Fallcimer, Messrs. Edward Finch and Son, Miss K. Darley, Miss A. L. Newsom, 10/- each; Mrs. R. E. Osborne, £4/-; Mrs. J. F. Gill, £3/-; Harold's Cross C.C. (per Rev. J. J. Loughlin), £16/2; Captain S. G. Murray (Edid Murray Cot), £12; Rev. A. Blacker Douglas (Robert St. John Col), £12; Sir Harold Nutting, Bart. (Hilda Col), £10; A. V. McCormick, Esq. (Cosby Col), £2.

An explosion in the State-owned Delbruck mine, near Hindenburg, Upper Silesia, caused a fall of rock which has entombed five miners. Thirteen other miners were severely injured. Rescue parties are attempting to reach the entombed men, whose chance of being saved, however, is very slight.

THE ROYAL VICTORIA EYE AND EAR HOSPITAL.

The monthly meeting of the Council of the Royal Victoria Eye and Ear Hospital was held at the hospital on Wednesday, the 12th inst., Sir George Roche in the chair. Also present:—Messrs. G. Byrne, F. V. Gordon (Hon. Treasurer), H. C. Mooney, Howth E. Poole, Major Wheswell, and the Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. B. Story.

Apology for non-attendance received from Mr. J. Andrew.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and signed.

The report of the Finance Committee was read and approved, and cheques to the amount of £[illegible] 1/4 in discharge of bills recommended by the Committee for payment were signed.

The numbers treated at the hospital during the month were as follows:—Intern Department—Admitted, 147; discharged, 153. Average number of beds occupied, 90.36. Extern Department—Total number of visits paid by resident patients during the month was 3,507, giving an average of 100.36 attended to daily throughout the month.

The following contributions received since last meeting are gratefully acknowledged:—Mrs. Smiley, £1; Rigbi. Hon. Lord Dunleath, £3; Mr. and Mrs. Beamon, £1; Messrs Arnott and Co., £1; Messrs. Gilbey and Co., £1 1/-; Right Hon. the Earl of Longford, £1; Right Hon. C. J. Stewart, £1; Miss Bennett, 10/-; Dublin Wicklow Manure Co., £2 2/-; Captain Carden, £1; Mrs. Crosbie Gore, 5/-; St. Joseph's Asylum, £3; W. P. Cairnes, Esq., £5; Messrs. Clery and Co., Ltd., £2 2/-; Irish Times Committee Staff, £1; Messrs. Harvey and Co., £1; Messrs. Walter Brown and Co., £1 1/-; Miss L. Tottenham, £1; the Misses Atkinson, £1; the Earl of Iveagh, £10; Mr. and Mrs. Darcy £2 2/-; the Earl of Meath, £1 1/-; Percy Palmer, £2 2/-; Sir Bernard Mallet, £1; Mr. and Mrs. Bewley, £1; Sir Frederick Shaw, Bart., £1; Rev. Canon Scott, £1; Right Hon. the Lord Chief Justice, £1; Captain Butler, £2 2/-; Messrs. Eadie and Co., £2; Oliver Fry, Esq., £1 1/-; Irish Times Staff, £8; Mrs. Foster, £1 1/-; J. Fowler, Esq., £1; the Kildare Street Club, £7; Lady Ferguson, £1; Messrs. Brown, Thomas and Co., £1 1/-; Rev. Canon Scott, £1 1/-; Right Hon. W. D. Andrews, £2 2/-; N. S. Boyd, Esq., £1 1/-; Mrs. Hamilton Stubber, £1; Messrs. Jacob and Co., £1; Messrs. Pim Brothers, £1; Messrs. Findlater and Co., £1; the Governors of Alexandra College and School, £1 1/-; Mrs. Bewley's Factory Employees' School, £1 1/-; Mrs. Bewley, £1; Messrs. Anthony Wilson, £1; Dr. Joseph Smyth, £1 1/-; Mr. Flannery, Mr. Gill, Mr. Scott, Mr. Wentt

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The Irish Times.
FRIDAY, DECEMBER 14, 1923.

NEWS SUMMARY.

IRELAND.

A lieutenant and six soldiers of the Irish Free State were arrested on Wednesday night at Scartaglin, County Kerry, in connection with the recent shootings there. The lieutenant escaped, but the six soldiers were retained in custody.—(Page 7.)

The Dail yesterday rejected the Labour Party's Transport Bill. President Cosgrave said that before the railway problem could be solved the boundary problem must be settled.—(Page 5.)

The Postmaster-General made a statement in the Dail yesterday on the report of the Post Office Commission.—(Page 7.)

The annual meeting of the General Council of County Councils was held in Dublin yesterday. It was decided that rural district councils should be abolished.—(Page 3.)

GREAT BRITAIN.

Lord Alfred Douglas was convicted at the Old Bailey, London, yesterday, of libelling Mr. Winston Churchill, and was sent to prison for six months in the second division. He was also ordered to find a surety to keep the peace, particularly towards Mr. Churchill.—(Page 8.)

Officials of the Department of Agriculture in London and Dublin deny that there is any ground for the report published in an English newspaper yesterday that the present epidemic of foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain is the outcome of a deliberate plot hatched in Ireland.—(Page 7.)

The University of Wales has returned an independent member of Parliament. Previously the seat was held by a Liberal.—(Page 7.)

ABROAD

Lord Haldane has given an interview on the future of Germany.—(Page 7.)

Portugal's Cabinet has resigned.—(Page 7.)

The defeat of the Mexican rebels is reported.—(Page 7.)

Germany's Prospects.

While the attention of the British public has been monopolised by the general election the European situation has undergone a very hopeful change. M. Poincaré has modified his policy in the Valley of the Ruhr, and the tone of his recent speeches has encouraged the hope that, if the German Government chooses to approach him with reasonable suggestions, he will not refuse to discuss the reparations problem on a totally new basis. In the next place, the Government of the United States has decided at last to send a representative to a conference that will seek methods by which the German Budget may be balanced. This delegate will attend in a purely "unofficial" capacity; but his presence will make an enormous difference. Finally, the condition of affairs in Germany seems to be much better. The new Government, contrary to expectations, has shown unusual courage in tackling the formidable problems which it inherited from the Stresemann *régime*. It has reduced salaries in every department of the State, and the new Chancellor, Dr. Marx, seems to be determined to face facts. His task has been facilitated by the sweeping powers which have been conferred on him by the Reichstag, and for the first time since the death of Walter Rathenau a "strong" man seems to have appeared across the Rhine.

The balancing of the Budget presents the greatest difficulties and, of course, is by far the most important problem of the immediate future. The present deficit of the German Government has been estimated at almost thirty millions sterling per month. The introduction of "gold" prices has almost ruined the railways, because nobody save the rich can afford to travel now; and all the other revenue-producing services are in an equally bad way. On the other hand, the currency has been stabilised to a certain extent. The printing presses have stopped, the Rentenmark is supreme, and there is at least a possibility that the end of January may be reached without further additions to the huge floating debt. In a recent interview with Press correspondents Dr. Marx declared that he was resolved to curtail expenditure in every direction and to tax the people to the limit of their capacity. Unfortunately, the mass of the German people is impoverished and cannot afford to pay even the existing taxes. Misery is rampant and the middle classes have been reduced to a pitiable state. The big landowners and financiers, however, have amassed great fortunes; but, as they have taken the precaution of sending most of their riches out of the country, the Government cannot tap their resources. The two outstanding features of post-war Germany are the remarkable patience and endurance of the masses on the one hand, and the cynical selfishness of the well-to-do on the other.

Dr. Marx recognises his difficulties, which have been increased considerably by the stagnation of trade; but he asserts that, by hook or by crook, he will balance his Budget. In Dr. Schacht he has a capable Minister of Finance, whose measures for the stabilisation of the mark have met with almost universal approval. If, and when, the Budget has been balanced, Dr. Marx proposes to apply for financial assistance to the League of Nations. He will follow the example of Austria; but, of course, no progress can be made while the greater question of reparations remains in abeyance. For that reason all friends of European stability will welcome the decision of the American Government. The one essential is the fixing of a definite sum which Germany must pay. When that sum has been determined Germany will know exactly where she stands, and the League of Nations will be in a position to judge whether a loan would be a safe or risky transaction. In the meanwhile Germany has a chance of proving to the world that she is in earnest in her wish to come to terms with her creditors. Dr. Marx has made a good start, but he has a long furrow to plough before a satisfactory settlement can be achieved. Much depends on his sincerity. If he can convince the Allies and the United States that he really means to lead his people out of the wilderness, he will find them not unwilling to help him. If he allows himself to become a puppet in the hands of Germany's millionaires, the last state of his country will be worse than the first.

The Postal Service.

The Minister of Finance announced recently that his next Budget would benefit by a reduction in the estimate for the Free State's postal service. The Postmaster-General's attitude to the report of the Postal Commission was to have been expected, therefore, but is not the less welcome on that account. The Commission, of which Senator Douglas was chairman, was appointed after the postal strike, and its report has been in the Government's hands for many months. In the *Dail* yesterday Mr. J. J. Walsh summarised the text of the report, which will be published without further delay. Its chief recommendations propose a scheme of reorganisation by which two grades, A. and B., shall be established in the sorting clerks' and telegraphists' department, with two similar grades in the postmen's department. Under the scheme the sorting work of the sorting clerks and telegraphists would be transferred to the postmen in Grade A., while the postmen in Grade B. would continue to perform their present duties. The report recommends an increase of the *maximum* of basic wages and salaries in all four grades, and proposes that certain classes of postal servants shall qualify for higher salaries by the passing of an "efficiency" test. Mr. Walsh defined the Government's attitude to these recommendations in a few clear sentences. It accepts the principle of reorganisation—but within strict limits. Such reorganisation as the Government may sanction will apply only in offices where the volume of work justifies the plan of re-grading and where reorganisation can be effected "without an appreciable increase in staff expenditure." The Government rejects the proposed increase in the *maximum* basic wage of Grade B. postmen, but sanctions a part of the proposed increase in the case of Grade A., and it increases the *maximum* basic wage for the new Grade A. of sorting clerks and telegraphists. The plan of an "efficiency" test which would increase wages without regard to nature or amount of work is rejected *sans phrase*. The country will await the full text of the Commission's report, but one fact is obvious from Mr. Walsh's speech. While the Government is anxious to be just to all classes of postal servants, it recognises also the necessity of justice to the taxpayer. Servants of the State must not expect to be exempt from the ordinary duties of citizenship. They must carry their share of the economies which the national situation demands imperatively in every department of public business. We accept Mr. Walsh's assurance that the changes which the Government has sanctioned in postal administration will cause no "appreciable increase" in staff expenditure. Any such increase would be made in flagrant defiance of public opinion. The country requires from Mr. Walsh not only an appreciable decrease in the cost of his department, but a speedy improvement in the conduct of all its services.

The Hapless Hebrides.

Irish people have been accustomed to associate the word "distress"—in an almost technical sense—only with their own congested districts. It may be doubted, however, whether Connemara has told, within living memory, a more distressful story than that which is reported to-day from the Outer Hebrides. In those remote islands, of which Lewis and Skye are the largest, twenty thousand people are faced with imminent starvation. The details, as supplied by the Special Correspondent of *The Times*, sound poignantly familiar in Irish ears. These islanders are crofters, huddled upon small plots of unfertile soil. In normal times the wives work the crofts while the men fish for herring. During recent years the local fish industry has been injured sorely by illegal trawling; and, this year, on top of a bad fishing season came the almost total failure of the potato harvest—blasted by a summer and autumn which have known only twenty dry days since May. Potatoes are the staple food of the islanders. The peat has been sodden by heavy rains; there is no work of any kind, and ninety *per cent.* of the male population are ineligible for unemployment benefit. The crofting Acts have reached the end of their tether. "In Lewis," says the Correspondent, "all the land has been broken up, and the land hunger is worse than ever." Large quantities of food and clothes are needed if the islanders are to live through the winter, and the Lord Lieutenant of Ross and Cromarty has issued an urgent appeal to the whole people of Scotland. Such help will give temporary relief, but the stern truth is that the days of "the lone shieling of the misty island" are numbered. Emigration is the only defence against Nature's cruelty in those outer seas. Five hundred persons left Lewis for Canada and Australia during the present year.

Temptations of Fame.

In a contemporary magazine Sir Arthur Conan Doyle describes the pains which he devoted to the composition of his two mediæval romances, "The White Company" and "Sir Nigel"—tales which made the chivalry of Froissart and De Comines live again for the modern novel-reader. An exactitude of historical detail and an unwonted attention to propriety of style distinguish these books; and Sir Arthur laments their eclipse by the Sherlock Holmes tales, which have enjoyed a popularity altogether prodigious. Many writers have suffered the same experience, and have owed fame and success to their "pot-boilers." Mr. Arnold Bennett wrote a series of "Five Town" tales which have been compared to the work of Balzac, but he owes his success to sensational novels of which he is probably half-ashamed. Has he not confessed that he deliberately divides his energies, concocting a proportion of brilliant froth in order to buy leisure to produce a modicum of more ambitious writing? On the other hand, artists are often their own worst critics, and what a writer despises is sometimes really his best. With all their merits, Sir Arthur's historical novels lack any distinguishing quality among their *genre*; but his Sherlock Holmes is unique. Imitators have but confirmed the public's approval, though the sordid sensationalism of the mere crime story and the clock-work cleverness of the French detective tale are remote from the clean romantic air of their original. Sir Arthur has done better to entertain one generation brilliantly than to bore several, as might have happened if he had laboured further in the historical vein. It is better to succeed in a humble capacity than to try in vain to bend the bow of Ulysses.

WEATHER FORECAST.

General Inference. — *The anti-cyclone spreading over our southern districts will cause mainly fair weather, with morning mist and fog in places, and light or moderate winds from near north-west. In the North a new Icelandic depression will cause freshening south-westerly winds and some rain.*

N.W. Ireland.—*Wind south-westerly, becoming strong to a gale; fair early, some rain later; visibility moderate; rather mild.*

N.E., S.E., and S.W. Ireland.—*Wind light, variable, becoming westerly to south-westerly, moderate or fresh; mainly fair; some morning mist or fog; moderate temperature.*

South-West Seaboard, Mouth of Channel to South-West Ireland. — *Wind light, variable, becoming westerly, moderate; sea slight; fair; some mist.*

Irish Sea and St. George's Channel.—*Wind light, north-westerly, backing south-west, and freshening; fair to cloudy; sea slight; visibility moderate.*

North-West Seaboard, Northern Ireland to Hebrides.—*Wind south-westerly, strong to a gale; sea rough; some rain; visibility moderate.*

Dixon and Hempenstall, Barometers and Forecasters, 12 Suffolk street, Dublin.—(Advt)

BAROMETER.
Dublin—Thursday (5 p.m.) 30.40
SUN.
To-day....Rises ... 8.32 Sets 4. 6
To-morrow.. ,, ... 8.33 ,, ... 4. 5
Lighting-up Time 5. 6
HIGH WATER.
DUBLIN.
To-day....Morning 3.57 Afternoon 4.10
To-morrow.. ,, ... 4.35 ,, ... 5.12
BELFAST.
To-day....Morning 3.23 Afternoon 3.34
To-morrow.. ,, ... 4.35 ,, ... 4.42
QUEENSTOWN.
To-day....Morning 9.54 Afternoon 10.20
To-morrow.. ,, ... 10.54 ,, ... 11.23

TO-DAY'S ENGAGEMENTS.

Gaiety Theatre—"The Yeomen of the Guard," 7.45 p.m.
Theatre Royal—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Queen's Theatre—"East Lynne," 6.45 and 8.45.
Abbey Theatre—"Birthright" and "The Shewing-up of Blanco Posnet," 8.15 p.m.
Olympia Theatre—"Joy Bells," 6.45 and 9 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre—Varieties, 6.45 and 9 p.m.
La Scala Theatre—"The Agony of the Eagles," 3 to 10.30 p.m.
Metropole Cinema—"The Christian," 2 to 10.30
Pavilion Dun Laoghaire—"North of the Rio Grande," 3.30 to 10.15 p.m.
Adelaide Hospital—Pound Day.
C.E.Z.M.S. Christmas Market—11 Hume Street, 12 o'clock.
All-Ireland Badminton Close Championship Tournament—Art Hall, R.D.S., Ballsbridge.
Cumann Cleas-Lut an Airm—Boxing Tournament, Portobello Barracks, 7.15 p.m.
Dail Eireann—3 p.m.
Royal Horticultural Society—Annual Meeting, 5 Molesworth Street, 3 p.m.
"Messiah"—St. George's Church, 8 p.m.
League of Nations Society of Ireland—Mills' Hall, 7.45 p.m.
Society of St. George—Supper and Concert, Central Hotel, Exchequer Street, 7.30 o'clock.
Statistical Society—Trinbett House, 5 p.m.

PROMOTIONS IN THE POST OFFICE.

The Secretary to the Post Office, in *Iris an Puist*, says that several cases have recently occurred in which officers of the Post Office have attempted to influence him, through his friends, in the making of promotions. He regards attempts to use outside influence as an indication that the officer concerned is attempting to gain by trickery a post which he knows he is not entitled to. The result which followed irregular applications was that the officers concerned were ruled out of consideration.

COURT AND PERSONAL.

The King, on the conclusion of his visit to Viscount Burnham, returned to Buckingham Palace, making the journey to London from Barn Hall, near Beaconsfield, by motor car. Their Majesties will leave London next week for York Cottage, where they will have a family party for Christmas.

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To-day Their Majesties' second son celebrates his twenty-eighth birthday. Known best as Prince Albert, he was created Duke of York, Earl of Inverness, and Baron Killarney in June, 1920. Having passed through the Naval Colleges at Osborne and Dartmouth, he entered the Royal Navy, and became an officer of the Grand Fleet, and was present at the Battle of Jutland, was mentioned in despatches, and received various honours and decorations. His marriage with Lady Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon took place last April.

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Lady Patricia Ramsay opened the annual bazaar at the Hyde Park Hotel in aid of the Missions to Seamen. Among those present were Katherine Duchess of Westminster, Nina Countess of Seafield, the Dowager Countess of Leicester, Admiral the Hon. Sir Edmund Fremantle, Lady Inchcape, Lady Forres, Lady Teuterden, Lady Ernest Hamilton, Lady Treowen, and the Hon. Mrs. Fitzroy Stanhope.

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The Earl of Athlone, Governor-General Designate of the Union of South Africa, and Princess Alice will be entertained at dinner on December 19th at the Hotel Cecil by the South African Luncheon Club. Their departure for South Africa is fixed for January 4th, and they will be accompanied by their son and daughter, Lord Trematon and Lady May Cambridge, and by Miss Kaitilin Dawson, the only daughter of Lady Elizabeth Dawson and the late Captain the Hon. E. Dawson. Lord Trematon will remain with his parents for about three months, and will then return to England.

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The Marquis of Hartington has accepted the Presidency of the London Society of Derbyshire Men, and will preside at the annual Christmas dinner, which will take place on Wednesday, December 19th. The Marchioness of Headfort will leave London at the end of next week for Biarritz. The Earl of Granard has arrived in London from Castle Forbes, and leaves to-day for New York. The Hon. Mrs. Ronald Greville left London yesterday for a three months' tour in Ceylon and Burmah.

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Owing to the illness of a near relation, the Duchess of Oporto has been summoned to America, and left on Wednesday by the ss. Berengaria for New York, *en route* for Florida. Other passengers on the same steamer included the Duchess of Rutland, the Duke of Sutherland and General Sir John and Lady Maxwell. The Earl and Countess of Haddington, whose marriage took place in Montreal a few weeks ago, are expected to arrive at Southampton to-day by the ss. Aquitania.

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Major W. B. Gilligan, late 2/117th Mahrattas, and now of the Indian Civil Service, has been appointed a first class magistrate in the Presidency of Bombay. Major Gilligan, who was educated at the High School, Harcourt street, Dublin, and at Dublin University, was gazetted direct to the Indian Army from Sandhurst in 1917. Before he entered Camberley Military College he served in France as an officer of the 4th Battalion, Royal Irish Rifles. He is a native of Dublin, and resided for some years in Rathmines.

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The marriage arranged between Mr. Cyril Irwin and Miss Grehan will take place very quietly on December 18th at Banteer.

Charming Collection of Fur Coats, Fur-trimmed Coats and Stoles, suitable for Christmas Presents, at Switzers.
Switzers New Restaurant and Tearoom, now open, first floor.—90 Grafton street.
Delightful Dance Frocks for Christmas Festivities.—W. Holmes, Dublin, Ltd., 69, 70, 71 George's street.
Christmas Gifts—The useful and practical. Hundreds to select from at Holmes', George's street.
Robert's Christmas Gift Exhibition of Fashion and Fancy Novelties, Useful Household Articles, and an abundance of Good Toys is worth an early visit.—Grafton street.
Beautiful Collection of Afternoon and Evening Gowns in exclusive styles, in Velvet, Silk, and Crepe-de-chine. Charming range of colours.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton st.
Sofa and Chair Cushions, Pouffes, Box Seats, Coseys, Pin Cushions, Hand-embroidered Cushion and Cosey Covers. Good taste combined with reasonable prices.—Robert and Co., 80/83 Grafton street.
Millinery Models all reduced to clear before stocktaking. Must be cleared.—Robert and Co., Ltd., 80/83 Grafton street.
Grand Hotel, Greystones, for Christmas week. Gala Dinners, Fancy Dress Ball, Carnival Dances.
Sale—Tuesday and Wednesday next, 18th and 19th December.—Barry, 25 Stephen's Green.
Yvonne (Madame Kirkwood Hackett), 51a Dawson street—Special Christmas Sale. Model French Afternoon and Evening Gowns from 4½ guineas. Model Hats greatly reduced. Velveteen Gowns from 2½ guineas. Sports Suits from 3½ guineas. Sale 10 days only. Inspection invited.
Afternoon and Evening Gowns in Chiffon Velvet from 4 guineas.—Campbell and Strahan, Ltd., 11 Wicklow street.
The Crock of Gold, Anne st., for Christmas Gifts. Hand-woven Scarves, Dress Lengths, Hand-made Jewellery, Toys, etc.
Madame Renée, of Harry street, Dublin, is showing the Latest French Models in Afternoon and Evening Gowns, Hats, etc., at the Grand Hotel, Trales, to-day (Thursday), also to-morrow.
Slyne and Co., Ltd., are the sole agents in Dublin for the Italian "Lenci" Doll. Prices from 13s. 6d.—71 Grafton street.
We have marked our Afternoon and Evening Gowns at very special prices in order to effect a clearance before Christmas.—Slyne's, Ltd., 71 Grafton street.

PASSENGERS ON ROYAL MAIL STEAMERS.
Arrivals:—Mrs. H. S. Phillips, Miss Doris Phillips, Captain T. A. Filet, Miss K. J. Dillon, Miss Nan Murphy, Mrs. D. P. Carbury, Mrs. James McGrath, Miss M. Gilsenan, A. K. Palmer, Norman R. McCarthy.
Departures:—Sir James C. Percy, Mrs. G. C. Green.

Gift Exhibition and Toy Fair now open at McBirney's.
Warm Underclothing—We are agents for the famous makes, "Jaeger," "Chilprufe," and "Pesco" Underclothing at keenest prices.—Robert and Co., Ltd., Grafton street.
Special three weeks' Sale of Winter Boots and Shoes, held up by port trouble. Great Bargains to effect speedy clearance.—Doyle and Son, Ltd., 38 Mary street, Dublin.
Mourning Orders receive prompt attention. 'Phone 4905.—Davis and Co., 48 Grafton street.

OBITUARY.

MR. REGINALD GRAVES ARMSTRONG.

The death of Mr. Reginald Graves Armstrong, at the age of 55 years, in a Dublin nursing home, after an operation, took place on Wednesday.

Mr. Armstrong was the second son of the late Major Thomas Priaulx St. George Armstrong, of Claremont, Banagher, King's County. He was educated at King Edward VI. Grammar School, and Trinity College, Dublin. He entered the Civil Service, and was for some years secretary to Mr. Wrench, Land Commissioner. For the last twenty years he was land agent to the Earl of Wicklow. Mr. Armstrong was well known throughout Ireland, and was a member of the Kildare Street Club for many years.

A Memorial Service will be held in St. Ann's Church, Dawson street, Dublin, at half-past one o'clock to-day, and the interment will take place in the family vault, Old Churchyard, Banagher, later in the afternoon.

CANON THEODORE WOOD.

The death occurred suddenly at his home yesterday of the Rev. Canon Theodore Wood, the well-known naturalist, who was Vicar of St. Mary's Magdalene, Wandsworth Common, and Rural Dean of Wandsworth. Canon Wood was sixty-one years of age. He conducted a Funeral Service at Wandsworth Cemetery yesterday morning, and shortly after returning home he collapsed in his study. He had written many books on nature history subjects. Canon Wood was the son of the Rev. J. G. Wood, also a distinguished naturalist.

LONDON LETTER.

THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.

59 FLEET STREET, LONDON,
THURSDAY NIGHT.

It was only to be expected that the joint Labour Conference to-day would pass a vote of confidence in Mr. Ramsay Macdonald; but it is, possibly, significant that they should have added an expression of their belief "that in all his actions he will consider the well-being of the nation in seeking to apply the principles of the Labour movement." One would like to know whether in voting for this the delegates laid more stress upon "the well-being of the nation" or upon "the principles of the Labour movement," because 'the two things are not wholly compatible in the opinion of some people.

I notice, for example, that the *Star*, while supporting the idea that the Liberal Party should support the Labour amendment to the Address, and so overthrow the present Government, makes its support conditional. The conditions are rather interesting. One about which there is not likely to be much difficulty is that the Liberal leaders shall be consulted as to the drafting of the amendment. The other is not likely to be easily conceded; for it involves the jettisoning by the Labour Party of the capital levy and the nationalisation of everything.

The Capital Levy.

The capital levy has been so whittled away by Mr. Macdonald in the course of his electioneering campaign that what is left of it is, perhaps, not worth preserving. "The nationalisation of everything" is a different matter. If the Labour Party abandons that, it abandons everything that differentiates it from the *bourgeois* parties, and that might seem to it too costly a sacrifice even for the sake of enjoying for six months or so the responsibilities of government and the emoluments of office.

Labour's Difficulties.

Mr. Ramsay Macdonald's policy has been approved by the Labour Party Executive, and now it will have to run the gauntlet of the Parliamentary Labour Party, which is a different matter altogether. It is in the ranks of his party that the troubles of the Labour leader will probably begin; for many of his followers have quite an exaggerated idea as to the possibilities of a Labour Government. The demands of the extremist section may be more than Mr. Macdonald may be able to grant. He is fortunate in having secured a number of new supporters of a higher political qualification than some who have been in the party longer; but, if he gives the "intellectual" section too many places in his Administration, he must be prepared for trouble from the others.

Labour Peers.

What support can a Labour Government hope from the Lords? Its most notable recruit is Lord Haldane, who is believed to be willing to occupy the Woolsack again. Lord Kimberley some time back evinced Labour sympathies, and Lord Parmoor, at one time a staunch Conservative, who accepted a Peerage on the recommendation of a Liberal Prime Minister, is believed to be ready for a further plunge. Earl Russell and Lord de la Warr are also said to favour Labour, and the *Star* to-day makes the brilliant suggestion that Mr. John Burns should be elevated to the Upper House as the first definitely Labour creation.

The New House.

When the new House of Commons meets it is probable that we shall see some interesting and, perhaps, not altogether edifying scenes. In the last Parliament the Opposition Front Bench was shared by the Labour leaders and as many of the Liberal leaders as could find room to sit down. Mr. Asquith was sure of a seat as a rule, because one of the Liberal Whips would sit and keep a place for him, but frequently other Liberal Privy Councillors occupied precarious positions on the edge of the bench. Mr. Lloyd George and his lieutenants betook themselves to the front benches below the gangway, and it is quite possible that in the new House Mr. Asquith and his leading sup

DISSEMINATING CATTLE DISEASE.

GROUNDLESS STORY OF IRISH PLOT.

NEW OUTBREAKS.

CEASELESS SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

The outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease among English and Welsh cattle has already cost the country £1,000,000, less £200,000 possibly recoverable by the salvage of healthy carcases. The Ministry of Agriculture is authorised to continue the policy of slaughter up to a cost of £1,500,000.

The sensational story insinuating that the outbreak in Durham County was the result of a man infecting animals in a shed on one farm at daybreak five days before the first case was reported is entirely discredited by the police.

The wild reports current yesterday of a deliberate Irish plot to spread the disease in order to create a market for Irish cattle in England, states the chief Irish trade and produce officer of the Free State in London, speaking for the High Commissioner, are obviously groundless. There is not a tittle of evidence to support the absurd theory of a plot, he said.

In recent years, says another Irish official statement, when foot-and-mouth disease was rife in Great Britain, Irish animals were suspected as the originating cause, but in every case where Irish animals were found affected in Great Britain investigation disposed of the suggestion that the animals had been affected when leaving Ireland. In the recent cases where Irish animals were found diseased at Leeds and in the Merklands (Glasgow) landing-place the result of investigations convinced the British Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries that the disease was contracted in Great Britain.

It was stated to-night that the Ministry of Agriculture has not the slightest evidence to show that Irish cattle are responsible in any way for the outbreaks, or that the disease is being spread deliberately.

FANTASTIC TALE.

CREWE SUGGESTION SCOUTED IN DUBLIN.

The statement of Mr. T. H. Dennison, of the Crewe branch of the National Farmers' Union, in the *Daily Express* of Thursday that foot-and-mouth disease in Great Britain was the outcome of a deliberate plot hatched in Ireland, and that a diseased beast was deliberately sent from Ireland in order that a market might be created for Irish cattle was the subject of an inquiry at the Ministry of Agriculture in Dublin.

The statement was described as absolutely unfounded. As a matter of fact, it was stated, foot-and-mouth disease has only appeared three times in Ireland during a period of forty years, and the fact that the country has for a long period had a clean bill of health has been recognised by the British Ministry of Agriculture.

Mr. Dennison's suggestion about a diseased beast being sent to England is regarded as fantastic. If the disease existed in this country a wide area would soon become affected, and instead of opening a market the outbreak would close those already available.

Altogether the statement as regards Irish cattle is too wild to be entertained seriously.

IN A SCHEDULED AREA.

DISEASE FOUND AT BIRMINGHAM.

The first case of foot-and-mouth disease at Birmingham is reported from Yardley, and all animals on the farm involved have been slaughtered. These comprised thirteen cows, a calf, and eleven pigs.

It is not thought that the city's meat supplies will be further affected, as Birmingham is already in a scheduled area.

58 FRESH OUTBREAKS.

MORE HERDS TO BE SLAIN.

Fifty-eight new outbreaks were reported to the Ministry of Agriculture yesterday, making a total of 1,074 in 39 counties. The total number of animals slaughtered is:—Cattle 35,000, sheep 16,000, pigs 19,000; total 70,000. Officials who are fighting the foot-and-mouth disease epidemic which is devastating the herds of Cheshire have been strengthened by new preventive measures. It is understood the Ministry of Agriculture has received the sanction of the Treasury to take certain measures which will speed up the slaughtering in the danger areas.

Mr. J. B. Guild, Secretary of the National Farmers' Union, said yesterday:—Up to the present it has been necessary, for reasons of economy, to employ as slaughterers only skilled butchers who are capable of dressing the carcases of animals fit for consumption. Now the officials may employ any men who are capable of killing an animal with the minimum of pain, which means that the spread of the disease will be checked much more rapidly. We are now hopeful that the Ministry have got hold of the epidemic, even in the difficult areas, such as Cheshire.

While criticism of the Ministry's methods continues to come from various quarters, it has many staunch supporters among prominent agriculturists. Everything has been done that can be done.

Lord Northbrook, who is a member of the Council of the Royal Agricultural Society, said in an interview yesterday:—The Veterinary Committee of the Society, of which I am chairman, has just passed a resolution reasserting its conviction that the present policy of slaughter with compensation must be maintained, and offering strenuous opposition to all efforts to secure the discontinuation of the policy unless the veterinary authorities recommend such action.

I cannot credit the story which has been circulated from time to time in some farming districts that diseased Irish cattle have been sent here deliberately in order to ravage our herds. It has been suggested that the "stand-still" order, which local authorities have the power to enforce in respect of cattle, should be extended to men working on the farms. This is not thought by the Ministry of Agriculture to be practicable. It was pointed out by an official that the power would be difficult to obtain, and would almost certainly be opposed by the farming community.

MILK OF DISEASED ANIMALS.

THE QUESTION OF HUMAN INFECTION.

Sir William Joynson Hicks, Minister of Health, made the following statement in London yesterday on foot-and-mouth disease as affecting man:—

Having regard to the recent statement of the President of the Royal Society of Medicine, that doctors were willing to co-operate with the veterinary profession in the prevention and cure of animal diseases, and in view of the suspicion that foot-and-mouth disease may extend from animals to man, I have inquired into the present position. I find that, while there is evidence that the disease can be communicated from animals to man, mainly through the secretions from the mouth of the infected animals to the dairyman, cowkeeper, or other persons in very close contact with them, the occurrence of such cases is rare, the illness has been very mild, and in this country there is no instance of death having resulted.

So long as the policy of the Ministry of Agriculture of immediate slaughter, both of infected animals and of animals in contact with them, is carried out, there is very little probability of an extension of the disease to man. A year ago my predecessor issued a circular to the sanitary authorities in the country dealing with this disease, and calling attention in particular to the possible use of milk from infected animals. This, of course, is most undesirable. It is, in fact, prohibited by law, and the authorities are fully alive to the necessity of preventing it. So long as all infected or contact animals are slaughtered, or kept under the closest official supervision, the risk of the milk being used is infinitesimal.

THE POLICY OF SLAUGHTER.

At the meeting of the Council of Agriculture for England in London yesterday, Mrs. Hugh Middleton, in moving a resolution asking for the discontinuance of the slaughter of animals infected with foot-and-mouth disease, said that it was impossible to exaggerate the harm of the present wholesale slaughter. It was quite possible for herds to be isolated and cured.

The resolution was seconded.

Sir Robert Sanders pointed out that in countries where isolation had been tried, the result had been that, instead of spasmodic outbreaks, the disease became permanent and epidemic. If we did not slaughter we should have disease always with us. They were expediting slaughter in the bad areas with good results in the past few days. The Department was going to consult the highest medical authority regarding any further measures that could be taken.

Eventually, an amendment was unanimously carried urging the Ministry to continue the policy of slaughter until such time as the veterinary authorities recommended otherwise.

DANGEROUS IMPORTED PACKING.

The Dublin Corporation have published an advertisement calling the attention of merchants and citizens and all who receive goods imported in packing to the requirements of the Order, which requires that all such packing coming from countries where foot-and-mouth disease is known to exist, should be destroyed by fire or otherwise disposed of so as to prevent it from being used about animals or as a manure on a farm. Contravention of the Order renders persons liable to certain penalties.

MORE TROUBLE IN TURKEY.

THE SULTAN THE HERO OF THE YOUNG TURKS.

BY OUR DIPLOMATIC CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Grave trouble is threatened in Turkey as a consequence of the quarrel between the Kemalist Party and the anti-Kemalists, caused by the action of the former in depriving the Khalifat of temporal power.

The discontent of the refugees in Smyrna has also added fuel to the fire.

It is known that Mustapha Kemal is ill, and the enemies of his party may think this a favourable opportunity of striking a blow at him.

The party of Young Turks who have adopted the Sultan as their hero is growing in strength.

LISBON CRISIS.

CABINET RESIGNS

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LISBON, Thursday.

As a sequel to the attempted revolutionary outbreak on Tuesday, the Cabinet has resigned.

The President, Senhor Texeira-Comes—former Minister in London—had been urged by Ministers to dissolve Parliament owing to the fact that the Cabinet could not rely upon its support in dealing with the serious situation which had arisen.

The President has evidently found himself unable to accept the advice of his Ministers, who have resigned.

WIRELESS RIVALRY.

MAN DRIVEN MAD BY LOUD SPEAKERS.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Thursday.

Louis Vanderpuyl, aged 50, of Ridgefield Park, New Jersey, has been committed to an asylum on the complaint of his wife that radio had upset his mind. The patient, it is reported, had been harassed by his neighbours' loud speakers, and failing to obtain an injunction from the local Court he bought a powerful wireless-receiving set and started rival concerts. For a time his was the loudest speaker in the district, but his competitors gradually improved in strength, and the rivalry became so keen that the strain is said to have unbalanced Vanderpuyl's mind.

CLOSED CONSULATE.

POSSIBLE APPOINTMENT TO BELFAST.

WASHINGTON, Thursday.

It is understood that, notwithstanding the declaration of Mr. Harvey before he left England, that the United States Consulate at Newcastle would shortly be reopened, the question of its re-establishment will finally be determined by the Washington Government when it has received from the British Foreign Office a public exoneration of Messrs. Brooks and Slater, the Vice-Consul and Consul, respectively, from the charges made against them by British shipping interests.

According to the American view, the next move should come from London. Once the British Government has issued a statement of exoneration the incident will, it is authoritatively declared, be closed. Contingent on such a development, some consideration has been given to the question of appointing Mr. Brooks to the Consulate at Belfast.

INDIA AND HOME RULE.

LORD READING'S VIEWS.

The India Office issued last night the text of a statement made by the Viceroy in reply to an address of the National Home Rule League, at Madras, read by Mrs. Besant.

"I observe," says the Viceroy, "that you have alluded to the desire of India to advance towards a higher political status. In pursuing the aim of responsible Government in India, His Majesty's Government and the Government of India invite, and must rely on, that powerful body of enlightened and progressive Indian opinion, which sees in the constitutional method of advance both the only practicable and also the most expeditious means of attainment of that goal. I have noted with satisfaction that substantial progress has already been made on these lines. As your League points out, practical proof has been given of the earnest desire of the Government of India to seek and apply remedies where grievances exist, and to create an atmosphere where constitutional activities can grow and fructify.

"I have been gratified to mark that the Legislatures in India, on their part, have not been slow to avail themselves of the new powers with which they are invested, with results clearly manifested, not only in legislation, but also in policy and administration. With this experience behind them, all those who are united in the ideals to be pursued, and agree in views as to the best and speediest method of their realisation, can look to the future in strong hope and confidence.

"With your League, I rejoice in the attainment of peace in the Near East, and join in the hope expressed by His Majesty in his Prorogation Speech that the Treaty will herald an era of political and commercial prosperity for Turkey and the countries which are renewing friendly relations with her."

THE NORTHERN PREMIER

The Mayor of Derry has given notice of a motion to confer the Freedom of the City on the Prime Minister of Northern Ireland (Sir James Craig).

LORD CREWE SEES M. POINCARE.

PARIS, Thursday.

M. Poincaré received Lord Crewe this afternoon.—(Reuter.)

THE POST OFFICE.

COMMISSION'S SCHEME OF REORGANISATION.

GOVERNMENT'S VIEW.

In the Dail yesterday the Postmaster-General (Mr. J. J. Walsh) made a statement on the Government's attitude towards the report of the Postal Commission—a document which has not yet been published.

The Commission was established in the spring of 1922 to inquire into the grievances of Post Office employés, many of whom had gone on strike.

The members of the Commission were—Mr. James G. Douglas (Chairman), Mr. Thomas J. O'Connell, T.D.; Alderman James Moran, Mr. F. B. O'Connor, and Mr. L. O'Duffy.

The Commission recommended a re-organisation of the whole system, and that those employés whose duties would be increased should receive increased wages. The Commission was of opinion that the re-organisation scheme which was recommended in their report should be put into force, as they unanimously believed that it would lead to a decrease in the total cost of the establishment.

MR. WALSH'S STATEMENT.

GOVERNMENT'S DECISION.

The Postmaster-General (Mr. J. J. Walsh, in the Dail, said that the report had been given the most careful consideration by the Government, and the Dail would appreciate the fact that, in view of the serious state of the national finances, it had been necessary to scrutinise the recommendations of the Commission very closely. He proceeded:—

"The main recommendations of the Commission affect the two important classes of postmen and sorting clerks and telegraphists, and a scheme of reorganisation is proposed under which the sorting work, at present performed by the sorting clerks and telegraphists, will be transferred to certain members of the postman class.

"In giving the Dail the decisions of the Government on the Commission's recommendations I should like to say at the outset that the reorganisation sanctioned by the Government will only apply in those offices where the volume of work justifies re-grading, and in which it is estimated that the reorganisation can be effected without appreciable increase in staff expenditure.

POSTMEN.

"The Commission recommends that postmen be divided into two grades, Grade 'A' and Grade 'B'; Grade 'B' to continue to do work similar to that already performed by postmen, and Grade 'A' to perform sorting and despatching work, at present performed by sorting clerks and telegraphists. This recommendation is accepted in principle for offices where the quantity of sorting work is sufficient to provide whole-time sorting work.

"The Commission recommends that the maximum basic wages of Grade 'B' postmen be increased at Class I. offices by 3s. to 43s. per week—*i.e.*, basic wage carrying Civil Service bonus—with *pro rata* increases for Class II. and Class III. offices. The Government has given this recommendation very careful consideration, and it is unable to accept it. It is satisfied, after a perusal of the evidence, that the existing basic scales are fully adequate for the work at present performed by the existing grades. Where, therefore, work is not graded as higher work, the Government is unable to accept a recommendation to increase the present wage.

"The Commission recommends that postman Grade "A," performing sorting and despatching work, shall have a maximum of 52s. per week, plus bonus. The maximum suggested is too high, and the Government is unable to accept it. It proposes, instead, to adopt a maximum of 48s., plus bonus, a week for Class I. offices, the scale being the present scale, rising by increments of 1s. 6d. per week from the present wages point of 39s., plus bonus, per week to the new maximum of 48s., plus bonus, per week, with *pro rata* maxima and scales for Class II. and Class III. offices.

SORTING CLERKS AND TELEGRAPHISTS.

"The Commission recommends that the class at present known as S.C. and T. should in future be known as Post Office assistants, who should perform all duties now discharged by the S.C. and T., except those recommended for transfer to postmen.

"The Commission further recommends that P.O. assistants should undertake all P.O. clerical work, except that discharged by executive grades.

"With regard to wages, the Commission recommends that P.O. assistants should go to a maximum of £162 10s., plus bonus, for males and £110 for females, except in the case of assistants who shall have passed an efficiency test to be arranged by the department with a view to proving their ability to discharge the highest clerical duties proper to the grade, who should go to £220 in the case of males and £155 in the case of females.

"The latter recommendation, which involves the payment of a State servant not by reference to the work on which he is employed, but by reference to the work which he is able to discharge, is one which the Government cannot possibly entertain. Nor can the Government accept the proposal that the work at headquarter offices should be performed by the manipulative classes, though the Government is prepared to provide a special avenue of promotion for these classes.

"The Government has decided to absorb the sorting clerks and telegraphists into a new class of Post Office assistants of two grades, Grade A and Grade B, one of which, Grade A, will be employed on the higher duties of the class—viz., counter duties, registered letter duties, and writing duties, where the volume of work is such that full time employment can be provided on these duties; the other grade, Grade B, will perform the duties at present falling upon sorting clerks and telegraphists, excepting in the case of larger offices, where the duties will be transferred to postmen, Grade A, and Post Office assistants, Grade A.

"In the case of Post Office assistants, Grade B, who will remain employed on their present duties, the Government is unable to authorise any increase of the present basic scales of pay, which are adequate.

"In the case of Post Office assistants, Grade A, who will be employed solely on the higher duties of the class, the Government proposes to adopt increased maxima of 70s. per week, plus bonus, for males and 47s., plus bonus, for females at Class I. offices, to be reached by increments of 2s. in the case of males and 1s. in the case of females, after the present maxima have been reached. *Pro rata* maxima and incremental scales will be applied at Class II. and Class III. offices.

"There are several points of detail and several minor recommendations of the Commission into which I need not now enter. The recruitment of all classes by competitive examination, with reservation of a percentage of vacancies for postal officials of junior grades, is a recommendation which the Government readily accepts. In particular, a percentage of the clerical posts in the headquarter offices will be reserved for competition confined to Post Office assistants."

REJECTED RECOMMENDATIONS.

Mr. O'Connell (Labour) asked whether the words used by the Postmaster-General, Government's decision, meant the decision of the Government as a whole, or the decision of the Postmaster-General himself. The statement was a very important one, dealing with the report of the Postal Commission presented twelve months ago, and not yet circulated or published. He would like to know whether the Dail would get an opportunity of discussing the statement, seeing that it turned down in the main the unanimous recommendations of the Commission.

The Postmaster-General said that it was hoped that the statement would have been circulated in time for discussion before the recess, but he was informed by the Speaker that no opportunity for that could now be given. He suggested that Deputy O'Connell, who was, perhaps, more interested in the matter than any other member, might take an opportunity of discussing the subject with him after the recess.

In reply to Mr. Johnson, the Postmaster-General was understood to say that the report of the Commission would be made available.

Mr. O'Connell asked would the terms of the Postmaster-General's statement be given effect to in the meantime, or how soon.

The Postmaster-General said that he presumed that the findings could be made retrospective. He thought it more advisable that they should deal with the matter at a later date. The deputy could avail himself of an opportunity immediately after the recess.

FUTURE OF THE RHINELAND.

GERMANY'S STRAIGHT QUESTION TO FRANCE.

LORD HALDANE'S VIEWS

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
BERLIN, Thursday.

The new German Government is showing activity in the direction of finding solutions alike for the foreign and domestic problems confronting the country.

The following three diplomatic steps are contemplated, as mentioned in my yesterday's despatch:—

1—An appeal to the world to help to avert financial chaos.

2—A blunt inquiry in Paris as to whether France really wants reparations, or whether, by retaining her stranglehold on the Rhine and Ruhr, prefers so-called security, and is ready to forego reparations.

3—A new reparations offer to the Allies.

The last-mentioned step naturally will be taken only if France says she is mainly interested in reparations, and not in so-called security.

With the "S.O.S." to the world Germany would urge the need of an immediate foreign credit.

The introduction of real, as against paper, marks for taxes represents the Government's contribution towards a solution of the pressing home financial problem.

The view expressed in Government circles here to-day is that no fruitful work can be done by the two Reparations Special Committees until France answers the following question:—"Is Germany to try to pay reparations with or without the Ruhr and Rhineland?"

The German Government's view apparently is that if France expects the Ruhr and Rhineland to help pay reparations, then negotiations to that end must be held between the Allies and the central Berlin Government, and not the local industrialists, bankers, or even the Ruhr authorities.

It is contended here that the "resolute determination" of Dr. Marx's Government to pay reparations gives it the "right" to obtain a clear idea first as to the French Government's point of view.

NO WAR FOR 20 YEARS.

LORD HALDANE EXPLAINS HIS PRO-GERMAN VIEWS.

BERLIN, Thursday.

The *Vorwarts* publishes to-day an interview which was recently given by Lord Haldane to its London Correspondent.

"The Germans," Lord Haldane said, "are a great people; a tenacious, an industrious and indestructible people. I may claim to know them well. In England I am generally considered pro-German—and rightly so. My feelings towards Germany have never altered, and I have never concealed them. That is why I am still confident in her future. The Germans are certainly passing through a difficult period, but we in England will not cease to put our whole weight into the task of mediation between France and Germany."

Lord Haldane added that he was confident that every German had sufficient sense to realise that a return of the Monarchy would not benefit his country, and that there could be no permanent dismemberment of the Reich. He was convinced that there would be no new war within the next twenty years, and, he hoped, for a much longer period.

At this point the Correspondent of the *Vorwarts* referred to the Haldane Mission of 1912. "Lord Haldane answered me," he says, "in a tone of unspeakable bitterness, but with the utmost decisiveness."

"If they had listened to me in Berlin, if they had shown more understanding of my proposals, there would have been no world war."—(*Times* telegram.)

AMERICAN AIRMAN LOST.

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Mr. Laurence Sperry, the American aviator, who recently brought his machine to this country, crashed in the sea, three miles off Hastings, to-day, and is believed to have been drowned.

MURDERED BRITISH OFFICERS.

BODIES ARRIVE AT FISHGUARD

The bodies of the three British Army officers and a private soldier, who were murdered in April, 1922, at Macroom, arrived at Aldershot Town Station early yesterday afternoon. They will be interred to-day in the Aldershot military cemetery.

Draped with the Union Jack, the four coffins were placed, on arrival at Fishguard, in a special coach.

On each coffin was a bunch of flowers, with the inscription, "The tributes of the Irish girls of Cork."

The coach was shunted into a siding and a guard was mounted.

LAST POLLING RETURN.

INDEPENDENT GAIN.

UNIVERSITY OF WALES.
M, 1,061, W. 419. 1922, N.L., 497; L., 451; Lab., 309. N.L. majority, 46.

G. M. L. DAVIES (Ind.)	570
Professor Joseph Jones (L.)	560
J. Edwards (Ind. L.)	457
Majority	10

Independent gain.

The state of parties now is:—

Conservatives	257
Labour	192
Liberal	156
Others	9

An election has yet to be held in Derbyshire West, where the Liberal candidate and sitting member, Mr. C. F. White, died between nomination and polling days. Mr. White's majority in 1922 was 90; the electorate numbers 31,012.

Yesterday Mr. C. Mallison, of Creesbrook, Derbyshire, was nominated in the Liberal interest. He will be opposed by the Marquis of Hartington (C.).

CAVAN MURDER.

INQUEST ON MRS. SOROGHAN.

Mr. McBreen, coroner, held an inquest on Mrs. Mary Anne Soroghan, who was shot in her home at Corlislea, six miles from Cavan, on Tuesday night.

Surgeon McMullen deposed that there was a punctured wound near the woman's mouth, and the main artery and veins of the neck were lacerated.

Francis Corr said that James Soroghan, husband of Mrs. Soroghan, staggered to his house that night and fell on the floor. He said that two men broke open the door of his house after he had refused them admission, and shot him and his wife. Witness went for a priest and for the Civic Guards, and then went to Mrs. Soroghan's house and found her dead on the floor. He saw a little baby lying in bed in a pool of blood and he took it home with him.

Sergeant Quirke said that Soroghan told him that the men said that they came about the man he sent to jail. Two men whom he did not know broke in. Witness found the kitchen disordered and the dead body of the woman lying on the floor, face downwards. The bed beside her was saturated with blood.

Guard Hickey deposed to finding a revolver of the British Bulldog type in the room, containing one live and four spent cartridges.

Superintendent Moore said that Soroghan told him that "the men broke in and fired; I fell, and then they shot my darling wife."

Superintendent Moore asked for a verdict of murder.

The Coroner said that in his long experience of thirty years a more appalling or more inhuman crime had never come before him.

A verdict of wilful murder against some person or persons unknown was returned.

SCARTAGLIN SHOOTING

OFFICER & SIX SOLDIERS ARRESTED.

LIEUTENANT ESCAPES FROM CUSTODY.

Our Tralee Correspondent states that, in connection with the murders of Sergeant Woods, of the Civic Guard, Scartaglin, and of Thomas Brosnan, a young man who was taken from his father's shop and shot dead on the public road, an officer and six men of the Free State Army were arrested on Wednesday evening.

They were taken to the Civic Guard station, and detained for a preliminary inquiry. The lieutenant, however, escaped from the station, and has not yet been recaptured.

The six soldiers remain in custody.

It will be remembered that the Coroner, in adjourning the inquests on the murdered men a few days ago, said that the evidence which would be submitted to the jury when they met again would cause a great surprise.

MEXICO'S CIVIL WAR.

"FIVE HOURS' BATTLE: REBELS DEFEATED."

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
NEW YORK, Thursday.

Telegrams from Mexico City report that 2,000 of Huerta's men, under General Sanchez, have been defeated near Esperanza, after a five hours' battle, by 2,500 Government troops.

Other messages from Juarez and Vera Cruz report that rebel armies are advancing on Mexico City, and that a big battle is imminent.

The authorities at Washington are following the operations with close interest. The greatest importance is attached to a telegram that the Governor of Sinaloa has taken the field in support of President Obregon.

THE RAILWAYS.

BOUNDARY MUST BE FIXED FIRST.

By 56 votes against 16 yesterday the Dail refused to give a second reading to the Labour Party's Transport Bill.

President Cosgrave complimented Mr. Johnson on the care and knowledge with which the measure had been prepared, but said that it would not solve the problem with which the House was faced.

The Government had given the question anxious thought for many months, and had not yet devised a plan that it could submit to the House. It was a case in which they should hasten slowly, and in which many interests ouside the Saorstat were involved. The boundary between the Free State and Northern Ireland must be fixed before the railway problem could be settled.

A full report appears on page 5.

ROUND-UP OF AKALI LEADERS.

TWO SHOT DEAD.

LAHORE, Thursday.

A combined force of cavalry and police today rounded up the three remaining leaders of the Babar Akali gangs in the Jullindur district. Armed resistance was offered from the stronghold of a brick house, which was set on fire.

Two of the leaders were shot while attempting to escape, and the third disappeared into the darkness. One police sepoy was injured.—(Reuter.)

THREAT TO KILL A KING.

SUPPOSED INSANE MAN'S LETTER.

IRISH TIMES FOREIGN SERVICE.
FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
COPENHAGEN, Thursday.

According to the afternoon papers, the King yesterday received a letter containing threats to kill him, the Queen, and the Crown Prince, by burning down Fredensborg Castle, where the Royal Family are residing.

Judging from the letter, which is written in German, the writer is insane, and the King is not inclined to take any measures, but the authorities have naturally taken the necessary steps to guard the castle. They are searching the surrounding country for the man who wrote the letter.

REGENERATION OF THE BONDELSWARTZ.

"VEILED CENSURE" IN A LEAGUE REPORT.

The Press Association's Special Correspondent in Paris says that at yesterday's meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, the Permanent Mandates Commission's report on the Bondelswartz rebellion, and M. Branting's notes on that report, were reviewed.

Sir Edgar Walton said that the Government and people of South Africa had faced the situation to the best of their ability. He thought that M. Branting, however, sounded a note of veiled censure, which seemed unjust, on the country's attitude. South Africa had endeavoured to inculcate in the Bondelswartz a respect for law and order, but the natives were still barbarians. He asked the Council to recognise and admit that the South African Government and people had done, and were doing, their best to carry out the wishes of the League.

M. Branting said that the information available did not admit of such a definite conclusion.

Lord Robert Cecil said that he had listened with great sympathy to Sir Edgar Walton's statement that the South African Government was anxious to conform to the spirit of the mandate and the wishes of the Council.

The resolution before the Council, in which the hope was expressed that future annual reports submitted by the Mandatory Power would contain information as to the efforts made to promote the interests of the Bondelswartz people, was amended, on the suggestion of Lord Robert, to include an expression of satisfaction at the renewed assurances that South Africa would take all the practical steps possible to that end.

FUTURE OF THE "MORNING POST."

FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.
LONDON, Thursday.

Countess Bathurst, the owner of the *Morning Post*, declined to-day to deny statements that she will shortly cease to control that newspaper.

"I can only advise you, like Mr. Asquith, to wait and see. I neither contradict nor affirm. Any authorised statement upon the subject will first be published in the *Morning Post*."

The tone of this statement is in marked contrast with that of earlier announcements on the same subject.

The latest news—which appears to rest upon a substantial basis—is that a company, or syndicate, has been formed for the purchase of the *Morning Post*. Names mentioned are Major the Hon. Rupert E. Beckett, Lord Wittenham, and Colonel F. S. Jackson.

THE PRIVY COUNCIL.

The King will hold a Council on Wednesday next (December 19).

THE MERCHANT SHIPPING ACT.

The Board of Trade announces that the coming into operation of the Merchant Shipping (Convention) Act, 1914, has been postponed until July 1st, 1924.

TO-DAY'S LONDON PAPERS.

FOOT-AND-MOUTH DISEASE.

THE POLICY OF SLAUGHTER.

The Times, in a leading article on the present plague of foot-and-mouth disease, says:—In view of the gravity of the situation, it is not altogether surprising that the suggestion has been made that since, in this particular instance, the policy of slaughtering the diseased animals has proved ineffective, it ought to be dropped. Fortunately, however, there is not the least chance that such a suggestion will be carried out. The whole weight of the agricultural opinion of the country is against it. The difficulty cannot be met by running away from it. In the last two days the Royal Agricultural Society and the Council of Agriculture for England have emphatically declared that, "in their view, the present policy of the Ministry of Agriculture is the only right policy and must be continued." It is undoubtedly true, as Lord Northbrook has pointed out, that unless the country faces the position now, and pays the money necessary for compulsory slaughter, the disease may become epidemic here, as it is on the Continent. The real alternative, as Sir Robert Sanders said yesterday, "is not as between slaughter and isolation, but between slaughter and letting the thing rip."

It is distressing to think of the momentary depletion of British herds which the policy of slaughter entails. But it is better to kill off even large numbers of the island's live stock than to run the risk of always having disease in the country. After all, the head of cattle and sheep and pigs that have to be sacrificed before their time form an extremely small percentage of the total animal resources of Great Britain. In thirty-one years, up to last March, foot-and-mouth disease has only cost the country £1,000,000, whereas the loss every year to farmers in Holland is two-and-a-half times as large, and France from the same cause lost in one year £5,000,000. In 1916, Sir Robert Sanders told the Council of Agriculture, the Government of the United States spent £1,500,000 in suppressing a bad outbreak of the disease. But the expense was justified. Since then their animals, he believes, have had a clean bill of health. How the disease finds its way into this island no one really knows.

The one thing certain, in the opinion of the Ministry of Agriculture, is that it does not come from Ireland, where only three outbreaks have occurred in the last forty years. Some day, perhaps, England may be in the same happy position. In the meantime there is only one means of arriving at that position, and that is the policy which the Government have adopted.

THE NEW SITUATION.

LABOUR AND FOREIGN POLICY.

The Times, in a leading article, says:—Uncertainty, and even anxiety, are visible abroad as to the possible effects of the new situation in this country on British foreign policy. It may be admitted at once that in our own process of testing and exploring the possibilities of the present situation no certain result has yet been achieved. We do not quite know all the factors. There is a tradition, established definitely during the later years of the nineteenth century after a long period of fumbling, of the essential continuity of British foreign policy. The facts and conditions on which this convention is based are no less valid now than they were thirty or forty years ago.

Our domestic situation has changed. The two-party system has evolved, by no obscure processes, into a rivalry of three parties. It would be reassuring to know that the Labour Party, like the other two great British parties, was determined to maintain in essentials the continuity of British foreign policy. But certain obscurities remain. The Labour Party is confessedly Socialist, and though in the party there are several degrees, colours and interpretations of Socialism, the underlying conception of the Marxian dogma, which includes all these varieties, is one of class conflicts which cuts across all differences of nationality, and insists on the international unity and solidarity of one class against all the rest. There is a British temper in the Labour Party which we hope will not readily conform in practical work to the rigid demands of a general theory. The theory is there and it is formally accepted.

But the Labour Party has also to take very seriously into account the strong and instinctive patriotism of the British working man. It is greatly to be hoped that this new party in its turn will recognise without doubt or futile protest the very practical, if comparatively recent, convention of the essential continuity of British foreign policy.

DEATH OF LADY CRAIK.

The Times announces that Lady Craik, wife of the Right Hon. Sir Henry Craik, M.P., died yesterday at her residence, Dean's Yard, Westminster, aged 74. She was Fanny Esther, daughter of Charles Duffield, of Manchester, and was married to Sir Henry in 1873, not long after he had entered the Education Department.

CHARGE OF ATTEMPTED ROBBERY.

CORK MAN RETURNED FOR TRIAL.

A the Cork District Sessions yesterday, before Mr. D. B. Sullivan, District Justice, Daniel O'Neill, Pope's quay, Cork, was charged on remand with being armed with a revolver, and, in company with another man, not in custody, on 30th November, attempting to rob Jane Humphries, of 25 Leitrim street, of £7 in cash. There was a second charge of having been in possession of a revolver without lawful authority.

Guard Barry said that he found a revolver in accused's possession. It was not loaded.

The justice held that a *prima facie* case had been made out on both counts.

Afterwards, at a special court, O'Neill was charged with having, in company with others, robbed the Dominic Street Post Office, Cork, under arms on 28th September.

Accused was remanded for eight days.

FUNERAL OF LORD SHAUGHNESSY.

MONTREAL, Thursday.

The funeral of Lord Shaughnessy took place here at 10 o'clock this morning, following a Service in St. Patrick's Church. The ceremony, which was an impressive one, was attended by Mr. Mackenzie King, Prime Minister and several of his Ministerial colleagues; by representatives of Lord Byng, the Governor-General, and of H.R.H. the Duke of Connaught, late Governor-General of the Dominion, and also by members of the executives of the railway companies and the great business organisations of Canada.—(Reuter.)

CATTLE SHIPMENTS FROM DUBLIN.

The British and Irish and the London, Midland and Scottish Companies yesterday divided honours respecting the carriage of the majority of the market day shipments of live stock from Dublin to ports in Great Britain. Fat stock for slaughter soon after landing were a feature of the out-goings, and the cross-Channel buyers had apparently secured the pick of the cattle on offer.

The shipping facilities at the Liffey included five of the British and Irish Company's steamers, three of the London, Midland and Scottish fleet, and one each of the Sloan Line and the Burns Laird Company.

The ss. Ardmore and Lady Wicklow went to the Mersey, the Lady Kildare and the Eblana catered for Manchester, and the Lady Brussels for Preston.

The ss. Yarrow, of the Sloan Line, took consignments for Douglas and Silloth, the Heysham steamer being the ss. Olive, of the Burns Laird Line.

There was no sailing to the Clyde last night.

Epic of the Arctic V.

FAREWELL TO THE SETTLERS.

WRANGEL ISLAND'S FUTURE.

POSSIBLE AERODROME IN THE ARCTIC.

By HAROLD NOICE.
(COMMANDER OF THE WRANGEL ISLAND RELIEF EXPEDITION.)

MY grim story is concluded. Twelve Eskimos and one white man are now established on Wrangel Island, and a recolonisation scheme, inspired by Stefansson's vision of a northward moving civilisation, has been taken in hand.

Stefansson's last instructions to me were to continue the occupation of the island, and before leaving for Nome last August I made a personal investigation with a view to ascertaining whether the place was habitable. Wrangel has been definitely claimed from the Arctic wilds of ice and snow, irrespective of what nation's flag will finally float over it.

Captain Bernard, of the Teddy Bear, who made a gallant attempt to pierce the massed ice floes in the summer of 1922, was not outfitted to spend a winter on the island, and his relief expedition had to return to Alaska.

The future of Wrangel Island concerns Great Britain, Canada, and Japan. It has been mentioned as a possible aviation station, as a stepping-stone on the shortest route between the East and West.

An Arctic Aerodrome.

On the lonely shores where the Eskimo seamstress wandered on her food-hunting expeditions we may one day see the beginnings of an Arctic aerodrome, and great dirigibles crossing the ice deserts, and searchlights sweeping the heavens.

We waved "good-bye" to the new settlers at six o'clock in the evening of August 23, 1923, on our voyage back to Alaska. We slipped out of the harbour on the motor schooner Donaldson, sounded our whistle, and dipped our flag in a last farewell to Wrangel Island, our bow pointing towards the treacherous channels in the ice pack.

Ada Blackjack sat in tears beside me at the stern of the little skiff as we rowed out to the schooner, and I saw a shudder pass through her slight frame as she turned to look back at the white wooden cross on Knight's bill-top grave.

The midnight sun lay behind fog-banks and thick grey mists hid the filmy outline of the coast.

I left the settlers with everything necessary for the maintenance of life for at least two years, and they had clothing and hunting equipment as well as a good supply of ammunition for three years. Even if it were impossible for a supply boat to reach them within the next two years, the settlers would be in no danger from starvation, because the food ration is based on the usual white man's estimate.

Ice-Locked Island.

From our investigations on the spot we found that the game conditions on the island were good both in winter and spring, and that there should be no difficulty in the settlers providing themselves with stores of food during the worst months.

The hour was approaching when we had to make a quick escape from the ice-locked island and to penetrate the ring of 55 miles of ice that separated our ship from safe waters. The crushed bow of the Donaldson was repaired by building walrus hides and blubber over the leaking planks.

We established two Eskimo families on that island, the white man, Charlie Wells, being in charge of a second colony, 17 miles farther west. As we toiled far into the night, landing Wells and his party with their equipment, we realised that every lost minute lessened our chances of escape through the slowly binding barriers of ice.

One stiff breeze from the south would have tightened the ice ring round Wrangel Island, and we should have been marooned, probably for a year. We left Wells provided with meteorological instruments, in addition to instruments for making surveys of the island.

In Open Waters.

There were perils ahead in this dash home through the ice ring. The mists were gathering more thickly. All round us, as we gradually drifted away from the shore, and as we slipped past a few sentinel fragments of ice, lay the threatening icefield, with turreted masses like miniature bergs, some pure white, others of a bluish colour.

They possessed a strange beauty of their own, especially when the midnight sun was low, the rays being reflected in their crystal clearness, and they shone over the glittering ice with a faint golden lustre.

The mists lifted the next morning, and from the masthead of the Donaldson I saw through my glasses a track that ultimately led us to open waters. In three days, with luck on our side, we had fought and won our last battle with the ice pack.

We sighted the lights of Nome on the sixth day out from Wrangel Island. When the news passed round the ship the Eskimo woman hurried down to her cabin, put on a new skirt she had made herself, and made a blouse of one of my shirts, trimming it with a bow of red ribbon treasured from a box of sweets.

"Meet Ada!"

All Nome had been watching for our return. We dropped anchor a mile from the shore, and although it was nearly midnight when the Customs launch took us into the Snake River, we could see the beach crowded with inhabitants, who had come to the water's edge to hear the fate of Allan Crawford and his men.

I shall never forget the pathos of that meeting. All the friends whom the young explorers had made at Nome had come to greet us, including Ada Blackjack's sister and her Eskimo friends. All expected to see the four men—Crawford, Knight, Maurer and Galle—step ashore flushed with fame and victory.

We landed in utter silence, and when the people stood and watched the two women embrace, their voices choked with sobs, they learned the tragic secret of the Wrangel Expedition.

All I could do, when my old friend, Carl Lomen, Nome's leading citizen, stepped forward to greet us, was to say, in the American fashion of introducing strangers "Meet Ada!"

THE END.

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AUSTRIAN STRIKE OVER.

VIENNA, Thursday.

The strike of postal, telegraph, and telephone employés has been terminated, the strikers accepting the Government's scheme for modification of salaries of public servants, which will be adopted without modification by Parliament. The Government has consented to grant awards for thrift, and to make a Christmas present to each employé of 75,000 crowns.—(Reuter.)

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UNPAID COUNTY RATES.

THE POSITION IN CARLOW.

At a meeting of the Carlow County Council a letter was read from the Ministry of Local Government dealing with a notice inserted by the County Carlow Ratepayers' Association in local newspapers, and stating that while the Minister agreed that drastic action should be taken against the author of this advertisement on the lines indicated in the Secretary's letter, he considered that such action should be taken by the County Council as being the authority primarily concerned with the levy of rates. The issue of a public Press notice warning ratepayers of the serious consequences which would inevitably result if they were to observe the unauthorised suggestions made by the Ratepayers' Association would appear desirable.

A further letter from the Ministry stated that the disposition not to pay rates is general, and not confined to County Carlow. It can only be met by strong action on the part of the rate collectors, whose functions the Government did not propose to usurp. The rate collectors should be reminded that they have power to distrain in their warrants after due notice without taking legal proceedings. The time had come when the collectors should be required to exercise this power generally, and so expedite the collection of rates.

The Secretary said that there was £55,000 rates outstanding.

Mr. Nolan suggested that the ratepayers should get till March to pay up.

Mr. Brophy—It astonishes me to hear a member of this Council stating that the rates should not be paid till March next. I say that the rates in this county must be collected, and I say, further, that a deputation should be sent to the Minister for Local Government in this matter.

Mr. Goverey—When this Council came into office you had a balance to your credit amounting to £14,000 or £15,000, and that spoke very well for your predecessors.

Chairman—How much money is upheld in Government grants?

Secretary—About £20,000.

Chairman (Mr. Thomas Bolger)—I emphatically deny the charges which have been levelled at me and the other members of the County Council. The rates must be paid, and paid promptly, otherwise the public services of the country must go down.

Finally it was decided to give the rate collectors till the 31st January, 1924, to complete the collection of the first moiety.

EX-SERVICE MEN'S GRANT.

A DERRY PROTEST.

At the meeting of the Derry Employment Committee last evening a protest was made against the employment of men from the Free State on a contract for the erection of ex-Service men's houses on the Derry side of the border.

Captain Wilton said that ex-Service men from Northern Ireland, of whom there were so many unemployed, should get the work. He moved, and Mr. Colhoun seconded, a proposal that the attention of the Northern Ministry of Labour be directed to the fact that Free State labour was employed on this contract, and strongly protesting against this, as Southern Ireland had got its share of the Imperial grant.

Mr. Thomas James did not agree with the resolution. He said that some time ago there was work in the Free State, and men from Derry were sent to do it. The Northern Government should have insisted on the employment of all labour through the exchange.

The resolution was passed.

PROTECTION ISSUE.

DEBATED BY UNIVERSITY STUDENTS.

At Queen's University, Belfast, yesterday, Professor R. M. Henry presided at an inter-University debate on a motion "that a policy of protection is essential to the welfare of the British Empire."

The following Universities and University Colleges were represented:—Glasgow, Durham, Manchester, Liverpool, Cardiff, Sheffield, Trinity, Dublin; Leeds, Galway, and Birmingham.

Mr. D. Chandler, Sheffield, said that in the present-day world, the chief activities of civilised peoples were trade and commerce, and it was very much to be desired that trade and commerce should become the real ties in the British Commonwealth. It was fortunate that within the Empire there were supplies of every raw material made in the civilised world, and markets for the finished goods. It was only a question of getting the machinery going, and that was what protection would do, thus reducing unemployment and stimulating emigration. It could not be denied that a great deal of unemployment in England was due to over-population.

Mr. J. L. Woods, Dublin University, in opposing the motion, said that he thought that the need of protection in England was owing very largely to political considerations. The Liberals had not produced anything in the way of a definite progressive programme. If they had produced a scheme for the relief of unemployment they would have had a much larger number of representatives returned. With regard to the establishment of a home market, that would not be an essential market, but merely the substitution of one for another, and they would not gain by that. The first market was the more profitable. Unemployment would not be reduced but increased by Protection.

Mr. J. S. Moloy, Glasgow, seconded the motion, and Mr. E. J. Marquand, Cardiff, seconded the rejection of it.

Messrs. Woods and Chandler having replied, the motion was defeated by 97 votes to 76.

BELVEDERE COLLEGE UNION.

THE ANNUAL DINNER.

There was a large attendance of members and guests at the annual dinner in connection with the Belvedere College Union, which took place at Belvedere College, Dublin, last evening, Mr. George Byrne, President of the Union, presiding.

The President proposed the toast of the Belvedere Union, with which he associated Belvedere College. He said that that evening they celebrated their twenty-first anniversary dinner. The Committee thought that the time had come when they might go a little bit forward, and have monthly reunions.

He was glad to welcome representatives of the Clongowes, Castleknock, and Blackrock Unions, and he mentioned that it had been suggested that there should be a Union of Unions. That was a matter that was exercising the minds of the heads of some of the other unions, and if they could draw from the Catholic colleges and schools, and form one solid body, it would be a splendid thing, and would be of use to them in more ways than one. (Applause.)

The Very Rev. Michael Quinlan, Rector of the College, responded. He expressed his pleasure at seeing such a representative gathering of past and present students, and welcomed the members of the other unions, whose presence, he hoped, would cement the friendship which already existed between Belvedere and those unions. (Applause.)

Belvedere College had greatly increased in its numbers during past years, and last year 60 or 70 applicants had to be refused admission. This year, however, they had secured two houses next door, and as a result they would be able to take in about 140 new boys. (Applause.) Their numbers were about 420 at present. (Applause.) Why should their numbers so increase, he asked. He supposed he might say that it was because the education they gave at Belvedere was what the Dublin people wanted.

Belvedere had taken first place in Dublin for the Irish language, and he thought he had seen three first places taken by their pupils who took degrees in the National University. The standard of education in Belvedere was very high, and in it they aimed at formation of character, and at giving healthy bodies and healthy minds to the boys they educated. Their standard of games was very high, he continued, and he reminded his hearers of the football and swimming cups held by the college. In conclusion, he expressed the hope that the college would continue to produce men who would be a credit to the State and to Ireland. (Applause.)

An enjoyable musical programme followed.

IRISH LANDLORD'S LONDON BAND.

UNUSUAL APPLICATION AT QUARTER SESSIONS.

At Bailieborough Quarter Sessions on Wednesday Captain R. S. S. Maxwell, Asley Cottage, Mountnugent, 37 Bayswater street, London, claimed £18,066 7s. 3d. for the destruction of his house and damage to his demesne at Asley, Mountnugent, and £21,358 15s. 10d. for the destruction of his house at Fortlands, Mountnugent.

Mr. Halpin, solicitor, applied on behalf of the applicant for permission to have his evidence taken on commission. Captain Maxwell has been in London since 1920, and at present his only source of income is an orchestral band of which he is the proprietor and which requires his constant presence in London. Under the terms of the contract controlling the band's engagements Captain Maxwell is precluded from absenting himself or employing a substitute.

Previous to starting the band, Captain Maxwell, whose Irish resources were entirely cut off, had to take employment as a shop assistant in London in order to support himself, his mother and his sister. He was eventually compelled to relinquish this employment through a breakdown in health.

The rental of Captain Maxwell's estate in County Cavan is between £2,000 and £3,000, but since 1920 practically no rent has been collected. Even if the compounded arrears of rent should be collected by the Irish Land Commission the money would have to go to meet arrears of interest on mortgage and other charges on the Fortland estate.

Mr. Duffy, State Solicitor, opposed the application, stating he had evidence to prove that the injuries complained of by the applicant were due to his own negligence, and that of his servant and workmen, and that it would be necessary for the applicant to attend court, to be examined, cross-examined and re-examined on the evidence to be given.

The application was refused, and the judge said that he would hear the case on either the 2nd or 4th February.

THE SUN'S INFLUENCE ON THE EARTH.

LECTURE AT TRINITY COLLEGE.

Mr. Charles Martin, M.A., of Dunsink Observatory, delivered the third and last of his astronomical lectures before a large audience in the Physics Theatre, Trinity College, Dublin, yesterday. His subject was, "Our Sun: Its Physical Condition, Sun Spots and Connected Phenomena; its Place in the Galactic System."

The sun, he said, was the one celestial object which occupied the foremost place in the mind of the public, for, generally speaking, there was scarcely one of our actions which was not influenced by the sun. This influence had long been recognised, from the time when the earth was young and its inhabitants worshipped the sun as the ruler of the earth, to the present day, when we saw its influence in the cost of provisions in a bad season, or in the weight of the overcoat we had to carry at certain times.

As the sun was responsible for the climatic conditions of our earth, it was not to be wondered at that much time had been spent trying to find the laws governing our existence, with small success so far; but, as proper records were made, the study of those should lead to knowledge. The records of centuries, however, were needed for the discovery of any law, and it was the want of records which made progress so slow.

SUN SPOTS.

On the subject of sun spots, Mr. Martin said that, as the sun was 865,000 miles in diameter, those spots were capable of engulfing many bodies the size of our earth. Spots 40,000 miles in diameter had been visible; they often appeared in groups, some of them being short-lived, appearing and disappearing in the course of a few days, and others surviving a revolution of the sun. It had been found that there was a remarkable connection between sun spots and the occurrence of magnetic storms of the earth. When sun spots were numerous, magnetic storms were frequent; when sun spots were few in number, magnetic storms were rare. The disturbance of the earth's magnetic needles must be put down to sun spots.

There were several phenomena which were connected with the sun spot cycles, one of these being the occurrence of "prominences." At the time of the total eclipse they were able to see the immediate surroundings of the sun, and standing out from the disc were enormous tongues of red flame, which could now be seen at any time with a spectroscope. One of these, which was photographed at the total eclipse in 1919, was 130,000 miles high and 400,000 miles long. On the day following the eclipse it broke away from the sun, and was last seen 450,000 miles distant from the sun.

Another prominence was seen to rise 500,000 miles before fading away, travelling at the rate of 300 miles a second. Sooner or later those "prominences" invariably broke away by some means or other; they overcame gravity, and "off they go."

THE SUN'S CORONA.

Passing on to deal with the corona, the lecturer said that this pearly white light, which was seen to surmount the sun at an eclipse, was of most mysterious beauty. The spectroscope showed that the corona was partly dust and partly a gas not known on this earth, which has been called coronian.

The sun radiated energy in all directions, but our earth received but a minute amount of the heat and light sent out. It was found that each square centimetre of the sun's surface did the same amount of work as a 9 h.p. engine. If all this energy came solely from the internal heat of the sun the temperature would fall one degree each year. In a few thousand years our sun would cease to give heat, but we know that organic life had existed on the earth for many millions of years, and the temperature had not greatly altered since then. Therefore, the sun must have some means of replenishing its store of heat.

"By the time the sun's heat does begin to decline our descendants will surely have learned how to use the forces of the universe, the atomic forces on the earth, to counteract the deadly cold of a sunless earth."

AN EX-SERVICE MEN'S CLUB

OBJECTION TO LICENCE AT KINGSTOWN.

At the Kingstown Police Court yesterday, objection was raised to the renewal of the certificate for the ex-Service Men's Club, Lower George's street, Kingstown. The objectors were Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P., and Mr. Thomas J. Eldon.

Mr. Thomas F. Bacon (instructed by Messrs. Moloney and Owens) made application for the renewal, and said that there were between 450 and 500 members.

Colonel Hawis, Chairman, said that no complaint had ever been made to him concerning the club from an outside source. No spirits were sold in the bar, only beer, stout, and minerals. The club was well managed, but in the circumstances they could not expect it to be as well managed as the Kildare street Club. (Laughter.)

Major Connor, auditor, said that he had heard of nothing in the nature of disorder or misconduct in the club. He had never heard any complaint.

Mr. Forsythe, Acting Secretary of the club, and Mr. John E. Confrey, ex-Secretary, gave evidence as to the general good character of the club.

Dr. Maxwell said he often passed the club and had never seen a drunken man come out of its doors.

Mr. T. J. Fullerton, solicitor for the objectors, said that exception was not taken to the facilities provided in the way of social intercourse, games and recreation, but the whole mainspring of the club's existence was what was done in the bar.

Mr. P. Molloy said that he had seen groups of men coming out drunk.

William Downes said he had heard singing and shouting in the club. He was not a member, but often went into the club and had a drink when the "pubs" were closed. He had played "House" there.

Canon Murphy said that he had received complaints about the way that the club was worked. People complained of singing and shouting late at night.

Superintendent Kelleher, D. Division, D.M.P., said that the club premises had been kept under observation during the past twelve months, and he had no ground to justify him in opposing the application.

The renewal of the certificate was granted.

DUBLIN AND THE PROVINCES.

DUBLIN.

PRISON, LIFE PREFERRED.—"I was born in prison and intend to die in it," said Patrick Reilly, of no fixed address and no occupation, who was sentenced in the Dublin Police Court yesterday to two months' imprisonment for causing £4 13s. damage to a window in a publichouse at 1 Patrick street. Reilly denied several alleged previous convictions, but when the magistrate asked if it were not the case that he had been in Court sixty-one times, he exclaimed: "That's wrong; I've had seventy-seven convictions!"

NATURALISTS' FIELD CLUB.—A meeting of the Naturalists' Field Club was held last night at the Academy House, Dawson street, Dublin. Mr. M. J. Gorman exhibited a number of potato tubers to illustrate some of the diseases to which they are subject. An example of "freak" building material in a pigeon's nest was submitted by Mr. P. J. Brunker. A complete collection of bumble bees was exhibited by Mr. A. W. Stelfox.

VIOLENT BEGGAR.—In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Daniel Carroll, of no fixed address and no occupation, was sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for disorderly behaviour, one month for begging, and four months, with hard labour, for assaulting a policeman.

HANDEL'S "MESSIAH."—Handel's "Messiah" was very well rendered in Rathmines Parish Church last night. The choir and soloists, Mesdames Borel and Alicia Keogh and Mr. Victor Love, combined in giving a thoroughly musical interpretation of the oratorio. Mr. Turner Huggard conducted.

DETECTIVE COMPLIMENTED.—Detective Officer Mulvihill was complimented at Kingstown Police Court yesterday for his promptness in tracing a number of stolen bicycles. Patrick Goulden, 29 Brickfield place, Blackrock, was charged with stealing four bicycles, and was sentenced to six months' imprisonment.

CONNAUGHT.

NEGLECTFUL CONTRACTORS.—Galway County Council prosecuted a number of contractors for failing to carry out their contracts to maintain the roads. The defendants were fined £1 and £1 costs in each case, and were ordered to comply with the terms of the contracts before January 10 next.

47 YEARS' BANK SERVICE.—Mr. James P. Glynn, manager of the Loughrea branch of the National Bank, has retired after forty-seven years' service, nineteen of which he spent in Loughrea. He is succeeded by Mr. F. A. Mulcahy, the manager of the Carndona, Co. Donegal, branch.

LEINSTER.

REDMOND ANNIVERSARY.—The arrangements in connection with the celebration of the anniversary of Mr. John E. Redmond's death are being pushed forward by the Wexford Committee. Promises of support have been received from many places, including Dublin, Cork, and Waterford cities. Twelve bands have notified their intention of participating in the celebrations and many others are expected. Dublin City will send a strong contingent, for whose accommodation a number of special trains are being arranged. Large deputations are expected from East and West Wicklow, including many members of the Irish National Foresters' Association. It is proposed to have the procession headed by a cavalcade of horsemen, and nearly all the survivors of the memorable '98 processions in the county are to be present. The Dublin Committee met last night. The next meeting will be held next Monday.

COUNCIL'S UNSTAMPED CARDS.—At Longford eight cases were brought by the Ministry of Industry and Commerce against the County Council for failing to stamp Insurance cards. A fine of £3 and £1 costs was imposed in each case, and it was ordered that all arrears should be paid. It was mentioned that two hundred cases against the Council were to be brought before the Court.

ULSTER.

ASSAULT AFTER ATTENDING CHURCH.—Henry M'Cabe, Glassdrummens, Clontibret, Co. Monaghan, was ordered at Ballybay to pay £5 compensation, fined 10s., and 20s. costs, and bound over to keep the peace for twelve months, or in default to go to prison for two months for an assault on Terence Brannigan, Crossmore, on November 11. The assault was committed when the parties were returning from church.

Gas has been reduced from 12s. 6d. to 11s. 8d. per thousand feet in Roscommon.

Mr. Denis Slattery, of Tallow, has been appointed a Peace Commissioner for the Co. Waterford.

Turkeys, of which there was a large supply at Roscommon Fowl Market yesterday, were sold at 1s. 6d. a pound.

Wanton damage to the extent of £40 has been done with hammers to the fittings and fixtures of the ex-service men's hut in Longford.

The Bracmore arrived in Wicklow port yesterday with 350 tons of coal. This is the first steamer to discharge in Wicklow since April last, when a strike began.

A successful junior school entertainment was held in the Loreto College, North Great George's street, Dublin, on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. The students performed pretty fairy plays.

NORTHERN IRELAND.

ROAD TO NENDRUM.—A discussion took place at a meeting of the Down County Council yesterday on the preservation of what were described as "the most interesting ruins in Ireland." A proposal came forward to take over and repair the road from Ardill Memorial Wall between Islandreagh and Nendrum ruins at Island Mahee—250 yards—and to complete the road on the Islandreagh road from Comber to Nendrum ruins in Island Mahee. It was stated that, if passed, Belfast Natural History Society would defray the cost of widening and fixing a turning-point for large cars. The estimated cost is £100, and the proposal was adopted.

DERRY BRIDGE TRAFFIC—Londonderry Bridge Commissioners have given public notice that in consequence of the repairs at present being carried out to Carlisle Bridge no vehicle the gross weight whereof, inclusive of the load, exceeds five tons will be permitted to pass over the upper roadway. A London engineer has reported to the Commissioners that the structure of the bridge is in a weak state, and recommended the limiting of the traffic weight as now directed by the Commissioners.

EX-SERVICEMAN'S REVOLVER.—At Ballybay Thomas M'Quillan, Shantona, described as an ex-British and ex-Free State Army soldier, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment under the Public Safety Act for being in unlawful possession of a Colt revolver and fourteen rounds of ammunition at Shantona. For the defendant it was pleaded that he brought the revolver home with him from the war, and was discharged from the British Army with a first class record.

THE LISBURN BURNINGS.—Down Co. Council has decided to appoint a deputation to wait upon Sir James Craig in reference to the burden on the ratepayers due to the Lisburn burnings. It was stated that the ratepayers had already paid 1s. 3d. in the £, and that that would be continued for three years. In the Hillsborough area they had still £16,000 to pay, and in Moira £8,000. It was a serious thing for the ratepayers, and they might get some assistance from the Imperial Government.

CHRISTMAS POULTRY PRICES.—There was a large supply of all kinds of poultry at the Lurgan Christmas market yesterday. Trade, however, was slow and buying dull. Turkeys sold at 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. a pound, and geese at 8d. Chickens ranged from 2s. 6d. to 4s. 5d. each; hens 2s. to 3s. each, and ducks 2s. 6d. to 3s. 6d. Turkeys realised 1s. 6d. to 1s. 9d. a pound, live weight, in Dungannon market yesterday. Supplies were small. Farmers are holding their supplies for higher prices. Geese were 9d. to 10d. a pound; chickens 4s. to 7s. a pair. Pork dropped to 57s. a cwt., a decrease of 10s. in a week. Eggs were 3s. 4d. a dozen, with good supplies.

MONAGHAN CONTRACT GOES TO NORTHERN IRELAND.—A contractor living in the Six Counties submitted the lowest tender for road work in County Monaghan, and has been given the contract by the Monaghan County Council.

TRAMWAY TO STORMONT.—A new tramway has been laid to Stormont, the site of the new Northern Ireland Parliament buildings, from the Belmont terminus. A new road had to be made which necessitated the conversion of a country lane into a broad thoroughfare for a distance of five furlongs. An official inspection of the new line was made yesterday.

RAILWAY WITNESSES' EXPENSES.—During the hearing of compensation claims for malicious injuries at Lifford Quarter Sessions application was made for the expenses of railway witnesses who attended to give evidence of the looting of firms. The witnesses, it was said, would not attend unless they were paid their expenses. The State solicitor opposed the application; such expenses were not allowed in any other cases. The application was granted.

MAGHERAFELT UNION.—Magherafelt Guardians have decided to "board out" the eighty-two infirmary patients and workhouse inmates, and have asked Dungannon Guardians on what terms they will receive them. The Clerk said that the Dungannon Union had accommodation for 905 inmates, but the infirmary was now converted into a district hospital, necessitating the taking over of two large blocks in the main building.

DIFFICULT CASE FOR DOCTOR.—A doctor's certificate in reference to the application of a Caledon (Co. Tyrone) woman for out-door relief, submitted to a meeting of the Dungannon Board of Guardians, stated that the applicant suffered from constipation, dyspepsia, and impertinence, the first-named complaints being due to excessive tea-drinking.

CONSTABLES PROMOTED.—Constable Hugh Brennan, Ballynafeigh, formerly of Mountpottinger, where he was stationed during the riots; Constable David Ross, Ballynafeigh, recently elected to the Representative Body; and Constable Robert J. Wilson, College square, Belfast, have been promoted sergeants. The last-named has been transferred to Co. Armagh.

CLOSING TIME INTERPRETATION.—The defence put forward on behalf of a publican in the Belfast Summons Court yesterday was that to allow people to remain on the premises fifteen minutes after the closing hour did not constitute the offence of opening or keeping open. The case was dismissed.

POLICE INQUIRY FINDING.—The result of a recent police inquiry in Belfast was promulgated yesterday. Sergeant Robb was found guilty of a charge of assault, and received an unfavourable record. He was acquitted on a charge of drunkenness, as was also Constable M'Cambridge.

FISHING IN CLOSE SEASON.—At Tanderagee, Co. Armagh, Joseph Bell and David Sloan, of Tullyhue, were fined £1 each for fishing for salmon in the River Cusha with a net on November 4, a day in the close season.

James M'Conville, an unmarried farmer, aged 70, who lived at Tullyguilly, Rathfriland, fell dead in the Rathfriland market, where he had just arrived with a load of turkeys.

Influenza is reported to be sweeping North-West Donegal. In the villages of Creeslough and Kilmacrenan almost every business house is closed, proprietors and employés being stricken with illness.

Joseph Kingsbury, of Lisburn, was found lying with his throat cut in a field in the townland of Lisdrumgullion, near Newry, yesterday morning, and was taken to Newry Union. A razor was found some distance away from him.

A verdict of death from strychnine-poisoning was returned at an inquest into the death of Mrs. Sarah Elizabeth Parke, of Laymore, near Ballymena, whose body was found in a field at Ballyloughter on Wednesday.

STATE OWNERSHIP OF WOODS.

EVIDENCE AT NORTHERN COMMISSION.

Evidence was given yesterday before the Commission appointed by the Northern Ministries of Labour and Commerce to inquire into Northern industrial resources regarding the State ownership of woods.

Mr. J. F. M'Cue, representing the Ulster Sawmill Proprietors' Association, said that the wood grown in Ulster ought to be fairly equal in quality to that raised in Sweden and Norway. In the latter countries some of the forests were State-controlled, and some privately-controlled. In Russia the forests were all State-controlled. He mentioned that there were considerable areas in Northern Ireland suited to the growing of timber, and instanced the Mourne Mountains. Many areas had been cleared of timber, and no effort had been made to replant them.

Beechwood, the witness said, was a drug in the market. The only demand for it was from some foreign firms, who used it to make bobbins and spools, and sold them to this country. If they had some form of Protection, those articles could have been made at home.

In answer to a question, the witness said that he saw no reason why there should not be State-ownership of woods; but, on the other hand, he failed to see why the State should not encourage private-ownership.

Questioned by Mr. M'Guffin regarding the artificial drying of timber, Mr. M'Cue said that Messrs. Harland and Wolff had one of the best drying systems in the world.

FIRE IN DUBLIN

A slight outbreak of fire occurred in the kitchen of Messrs. Bewley's Restaurant, in Fleet street, Dublin, at about 2.30 o'clock this morning. The flames were extinguished by the Central Section of the Fire Brigade before any serious damage was caused.

Insurance at low rates with Phœnix Assurance Co., Ltd., 10-12 Trinity street, Dublin.—J. R. Warner, Manager. Agents everywhere.—(Advt.)

A Policy with the Irish National Assurance Company, Ltd., Head Office, 30 College Green, Dublin, will protect you. All classes of Insurances undertaken. 'Phone, 2902, Dublin.—(Advt.)

A WORTHY CHARITY.

ROYAL CITY OF DUBLIN HOSPITAL LINEN GUILD.

At the annual meeting of the Linen Guild in connection with the Royal City of Dublin Hospital yesterday, Mrs. Arthur Benson, founder of the Guild, presiding, the report, read by Mrs. Crawley, stated that although a good deal had been spent in 1922 and 1923 they could not provide the equipment necessary for a really well-stocked hospital. They were getting back gradually to pre-war conditions, but still had to live in a hand-to-mouth fashion, and to spend money as it came in. They had authorised the Matron to buy 100 sheets, 100 draw-sheets, 200 pillow cases and 72 counterpanes at a total cost of £108 17s.

When they were asked what the Guild could do to help the Committee of the Hospital to re-open the children's ward, which had been closed since 1918 for want of funds, they had to reply, "Nothing," because they had no resources. But since that answer was given a jumble sale had been held, and the proceeds ear-marked for the supply of linen for the children's ward.

The report also recorded expressions of the loss sustained by the Guild in the death of Lady Benson and Mr. Hume Dudgeon.

Mr. Justice Wylie moved the adoption of the report, and said that it was extremely satisfactory to know that there were people willing to take trouble, to subscribe, and to use every endeavour to further a good cause. It was unsatisfactory, however, to find that the income did not balance expenditure. He hoped the position would be improved during the coming year.

Miss Dodd, in seconding, expressed appreciation of the work done by the Guild. During the past few years it had been carried on under very difficult conditions, and much hard work and cheerful drudgery had been necessary in order to carry it to success.

The following comprise the new Committee: Mrs. Benson, Lady Glenavy, Mrs. Clarke, Mr. St. C. Greene, Miss Cornwall, Miss Hughes, Mrs. F. Crawley, Miss Johnstone, Mrs. F. Darley, Mrs. J. R. Murphy, Mrs. Foot, Mrs. Pim, Mrs. Louis Smith, Mrs. Joy (Hon. Secretary), and Miss Parsons (Hon. Treasurer).

Mrs. Benson, appealing for increased support of the Guild, remarked that the first legacy bequeathed to that hospital, £5, was received in 1833 from a poor woman who had been treated in the wards, and the speaker now requested each one present to subscribe a similar amount. More than 14,000 patients had been treated at the hospital in 1922.

U.S. MARKETS.

STOCKS CLOSED STRONG.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.)

NEW YORK, Thursday.

Stocks opened firm. Favourable trade advices, coupled with cheaper money rates, higher dividends, and pool operations, caused an expanded buying movement, which influenced an advance in a number of shares to the year's highest level. Leading shares gained 1 to 2 points, and specialties 3 to 7 points. The market closed strong. Government Bonds firm; Railroad Bonds steady. The day's sales totalled 1,220,000 shares. Money on call easy, closing at 4½ per cent. bid and 4½ asked. Actual loans were at these rates, the ruling rate being 4½ and last loan 4½ per cent. Prime mercantile paper was quoted at 4½ to 5 per cent. Sterling exchange rates irregular. Silver unchanged for foreign mined at 65¼.

Railroad Earnings:—For first week of December—Southern, gross 3,804,000 dollars, increase 146,000 dollars.

Chicago, Milwaukee Common, Great Northern Ore Certificates, Louisville and Nashville, National of Mexico First Preferred, American Smelting and Refining Common, Anaconda Copper, Utah Copper, and General Electric, ½; Great Northern Preferred, ¾; Northern Pacific Common, 1½; Union Pacific Common, 1, and U.S. Steel Common ¾.

Canadian Pacific declined ¾; Erie First Preferred, New York Central, Reading Shares, and British American Tobacco Ordinary, ½; Reading First Preferred and Southern Pacific, ¾, and Royal Dutch Petroleum and Shell Ordinary 1.

Missouri Kansas Prior Lien Bonds declined 2, and Union Pacific Bonds ½.

EXPORTS AND IMPORTS FOR NOVEMBER.

WASHINGTON, December 13.

The November exports amount in value to 404,000,000 dollars, including gold 747,000 dollars and silver 8,775,000 dollars. The imports were valued at 292,000,000 dollars, including gold 39,757,000 dollars, and silver 5,269,000 dollars.

Reg. Parity	Stocks.	Closing Bid Prices Wed	Thur	Business Done. Wed.	Thur.
117	Funded	102¾	102¾	—	—
111¼	Atch., Top. Santa Fe	97¾	97¾	—	—
103½	Do. Preference	87¾	87¾	—	—
67⅛	Baltimore and Ohio	53¾	53¾	—	—
163½	Canadian Pacific	143½	143	—	—
80½	Chesapeake Ohio Com.	70	70	—	—
15½	Chic. Mil. & St. Paul	13	13¼	—	—
53⅛	Chicago and N.-West	47	47	—	—
32⅛	Erie 1st Preferred	29¾	29¾	—	—
63	Do. 4% Gen. Lien Bds.	54¾	54¾	—	—
85⅝	Great Northern Pref.	80¾	80¾	—	—
117	Illinois Central	102	102	—	—
71½	Lehigh Valley	67¾	67¾	—	—
103½	Louisville & Nashville	90	90½	—	—
14¼	Missouri, Kan. & Texas	13¾	13¾	—	—
72½	Do. New 4% Bonds	68¼	68¼	—	—
40⅞	Do. Adj. 5% Bonds	33	33⅝	—	—
11¾	Missouri Pacific New	10¾	8⅞	—	—
4⅜	Nat. of Mexico 1st Pref.	3¾	4	—	—
1⅞	Do. 2nd Pref.	1¾	1¾	—	—
120	N. Y. Cl. & Hudson R.	106½	107¾	—	—
118½	Norfolk & West. Com.	103¾	103¾	—	—
43¾	Northern Pacific Com.	38½	38½	—	—
104	Ontario and Western	92¼	92¼	—	—
48⅛	Pennsylvania Shares	42¾	43	—	—
89⅝	Reading Shares	78¾	78¾	—	—
83⅝	Do. 1st Preferred	73¾	73¾	—	—
93⅝	Do. 4% Bonds	87	86¾	—	—
42⅞	Southern Railway	37¼	37¼	—	—
99⅝	Southern Pacific	87¾	86¾	—	—
23⅝	Texas and Pacific	20¾	20¾	—	—
141	Union Pacific	125¾	125¾	—	—
81⅜	Do. Pref.	71¾	71¾	—	—
102⅝	Do. 4% Bonds	91	90¾	—	—
13⅛	Wabash Common	11¾	11¾	—	—
28⅜	Do. Preferred	24¾	25	—	—
8⅝	Amer. Smelt. Refin. Com.	7¾	8	—	—
43⅛	Anaconda Copper	37¾	38¾	—	—
28	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	24¾	25¾	—	—
76⅜	N.Y. Cent. Lins	67¾	67¾	—	—
12⅝	General Electric	10¾	10¾	—	—
109⅜	U.S. Steel Common	98¾	98¾	—	—
136⅜	Do. 1st Preferred	119¾	119¾	—	—
117	Do. 2nd Do.	102¾	102¾	—	—
—	Silver (Foreign Mined)	65¾	65¾	—	—
7⅛	Inter. M.M. Com. Certs.	6¾	6¾	—	—
32⅛	Do. Pref'd Certs	29¾	29¾	—	—
30⅛	Royal Dutch Oil	26¾	26¾	—	—
37⅜	Shell Trans.	33¼	33¼	—	—
20⅜	Pan-American Pet.	17¾	17¾	—	—
17⅛	Amlo-American Oil	15	15	—	—
17⅛	General Motors	15¾	15¾	—	—
44	U.S. Rubber	38¾	38¾	—	—

	Asked.	Bid.	Buyers.	Sellers.
Sterling			Wednesday	Thursday.
Call Money			4½-4¾	4½-4¾
Ex. on Lo. 60 days' sh.			4.34.75	4.34.12½
Ex. on Lo. Demand Bills			4.37.40	4.36.87½
Cable Transfers			4.37.75	4.37.25
Ex. on Paris			5.31¾	5.30¾
Cotton Mid. Upland			36.35	35.80
Do., New Orleans, Mid.			34.50	34.75
Cottonseed Oil, P. Som.				
Yellow Spot			11.05	10.80
Cot. Seed Oil, Yel., Jan.			11.27	11.15
Petro. Refined in cases			17.15	17.15
Do., Standard White			14.00	14.00
Do., Philad., Stan. Co.			14.00	14.00
Do., Pennsyl. Crude			2.60	2.60
Spirits of Turpentine			94	90
Do., Savannah			36½	36½
Rosin, Grade A			4.30	4.25
Do. Grade F			4.05	4.45
Lard, Prime West. Sum			14.85	13.75
Do., Midland West			13.25—13.35	13.25—13.35
Tallow, Extra			8½	8½
Sugar, New Cuban			7.47	7.47
Corn, West., No. 2 Mix.			93½	97¾
Wheat, No. 2 Hd. Win.			121¾	121¾
Do., No. 2 Red Winter			121½	121½
Do., No. 2 Mix. Drm.			109	109¾
Coffee, Rio No.			11¼	10½
Flour Spring Clears			5.00—5.50	5.00—5.10
Do., No. 2 Nor. Fdry.			22.00—23.00	22.00—23.00
Tin, Straits			47.62½	48.25
Zinc, East St. Louis			6.25	6.22½
Electrolytic Cop. Spot			13¾—13¾	13¾—13¾
Do. do. Futures			13¾	13¾
Freight Heavy Grain to U. Kingdom, per bushel			2/6—3/0	2/6—3/0
Freight, Heavy Grain to Continent, per bushel			14—16	14—16
Freight, Cont. to L'pool (high density)			25	25
Do. Board, (per 100lbs.)			30	30

PRODUCE MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Thursday.

WHEAT.—Spot market steady, 1c. up. Exporters took 30 boatloads of wheat and 15,000 barrels of flour. Receipts—Atlantic, 647,000; last year, 796,000. Clearances, 337,000; last year, 720,000.

FLOUR quiet and unchanged.

CORN.—Spot market weak, 1½c. lower. Receipts—Atlantic, 60,000; last year, 84,000. Clearances, nil; last year, 17,000.

LARD.—Cash market quiet and unaltered.

COFFEE opened steady, but 10 to 18 points lower. Values weakened owing to easier Brazilian markets and selling by Europeans and Wall street houses. Later partial recoveries were made under covering operations, and the market closed steady, although 16 to 22 points down. Spot easy at 1c. fall. Approximate sales—49,000 bags. December, 10.10; March, 9.17; May, 8.56; July, 8.31; September, 8.12.

RUBBER barely steady, and ½c. cheaper. First latex crepe, 25½; smoked ribbed sheets, 26½.

SUGAR steady and unaltered. Porto Rico unquoted. Sugar futures irregular, 4 to 8 points down. Approximate future sugar sales—28,000 tons. January, 5.35; March, 4.78; May, 4.61; July, 4.37. To-day's sugar sales—21,000 bags of Peruvian to refiners at 7.47 for prompt shipment, and 10,000 bags of Cuban at 7.09 for shipment latter half of January.

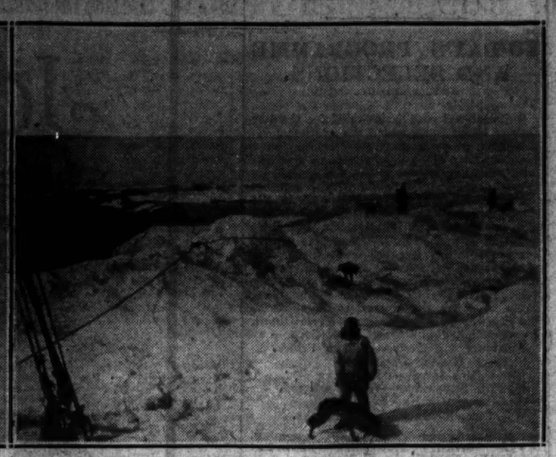
COTTON opened steady, 50 points up to 15 points down. Firm cable advices, better Manchester news, trade buying, and improved Southern spot markets caused an early advance. Then the market reacted under heavy realising, unloading by Southern operators, and reactionary selling. A rally followed owing to expectation of a decrease in the movement and smaller visible supply figures, but prices drooped again on selling by foreign interests, and the closing was easy, 15 points higher to 110 points lower. Spot quiet at 72 points less. New Orleans 25 points up. Receipts—Atlantic, 8,000. Exports—Britain, nil; Gulf, 31,000; Continent, 7,000; Japan, 6,000. Futures in last 20 seconds of trading:—December, lowest 35.10, highest 35.15; January, 34.50, 34.62; February, 34.80, 34.80; March, 35.00, 35.08; April, 35.13, 35.13; May, 33.20, 35.23; June, 34.80, 34.80; July, 34.45, 34.50; August, 34.50, 34.50; September, 29.40, 29.40; October, 28.57, 28.65; November, 28.20, 28.20. New Orleans cotton futures in last minute of trading:—March, lowest 34.85, highest 34.93; May, 34.82, 34.90.

COTTON OIL eas

MORE EXCLUSIVE PICTURES FROM WRANGEL ISLAND.

Crawford, Maurer, and Galle, the three missing men.

A Husky-Dog on Wrangel Island.



Wrangel Island in August. The rescue ship is made fast to the ice pack.

THE BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS IN DUBLIN.

An "Irish Times" photograph of the Badminton Championships in Dublin.

THE KING'S VETERINARY SURGEON.

Major Frederick Hobday, Hon. Veterinary Surgeon to the King, who examined the students at the Royal Veterinary College, Dublin, yesterday.

MILITARY V. POLICE AT HOCKEY AT BELFAST.

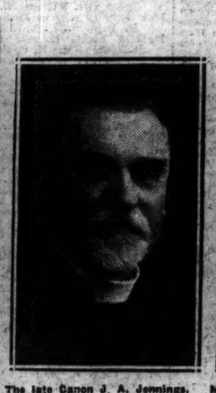
Two incidents in the game between Belfast Garrison (1st Seaforths) and the Royal Ulster Constabulary at Bladon Drive, Belfast, yesterday. (Photo by Bainbridge, Belfast.)

SOME PEOPLE IN THE NEWS.

Some of the delegates at yesterday's County Councils' General Council.

Sitting.—Messrs. J. O'Byrne (Wexford), P. T. Daly (Vice-Chairman) (Dublin), Senator P. W. Kenny (Chairman) (Waterford), Mr. C. M. Byrne, T.D. (Wicklow), and Mr. J. Clarke, D.L. (Donegal).

Standing.—Messrs J. O'Dwyer (Clare), P. O'Flynn (Limerick), J. Boggin (Meath), M. Roddy (Sligo), P. Connolly (Dublin), L. J. Dalton, T.D. (Tipperary); A. Keogh Nolan (Secretary), Senator O'Rourke (Monaghan), Messrs. James Hennessy (Limerick), M. O'Brennan (Roscommon), M. Stafford (Dublin), J. J. Hassett (Dublin), C. O'Byrne (Tipperary, North), and J. E. O'Boyle (Donegal).



The late Canon J. A. Jennings, who retired in September from the ministry of Harold's Cross Parish Church. — (Photo by Lafayette.)

Mr. Nicholas Fitzgerald, of Aranacrea, Charleville, Co. Cork, whose death was announced yesterday.—(Photo by Lafayette.)

The Earl of Cavan, the Chief of the Imperial General Staff, whose visit to Singapore and the Dominions has been cancelled.—(Photo by Lafayette.)

Miss Maisie Kelly, of Tramore, who won the Vandeleur Academy Scholarship and Gold Medal (Singing) at the R.I.A.M.—(Photo by Davis.)

ALDERMAN NEVIN RELEASED.

Alderman Michael Nevin, Mayor of Sligo, was released from Newbridge Internment Barracks on Wednesday evening. He had been on hunger strike for thirty-six days, when the strike came to an end. Alderman Nevin left Newbridge by train for Dublin.

IRISH SCHOOL TEACHERS IN LONDON.

The Hammersmith and Shepherd's Bush Ratepayers' Association have passed the following resolution:—"That the London County Council be asked to institute an inquiry as to the employment in London County Council schools of Irish teachers who are openly disloyal to this country, with a view to their elimination."

ARREST AT COOTEHILL.

Michael Dempsey, formerly a commercial traveller, and now described as a Free State soldier, was arrested on a warrant at Cootehill on Tuesday evening on a charge of failing to respond to bail in answer to a charge of embezzlement preferred against him at Monaghan District Court a few weeks ago.

THE GOVERNOR OF NORTHERN IRELAND.

The Governor and the Duchess of Abercorn will return to Northern Ireland on Tuesday, and will spend Christmas and New Year at Baronscourt, Co. Tyrone. They will remain in Belfast for Tuesday and Wednesday as the guests of the Prime Minister and Lady Craig at Stormont Castle. On Tuesday afternoon the Governor will distribute the prizes to the pupils of the Methodist College, and in the evening he will honour the Ulster Medical Society by being present at their dinner.

THE CHURCH OF IRELAND.

The Bishop of Ossory will preach at All Saints' Church, Grangegorman, on Sunday next, on behalf of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel.

An examination for Holy Orders for the Diocese of Down, Connor and Dromore, will be held next Friday, and the ordination on Friday, the 28th.

Attention was drawn some time ago to the Dublin United Missionary Campaign, which is to be held from February 16 to 25 next. This has for its object the enlisting of the interest of people who have not yet realised that the evangelising of the world is not the dream of a few faddists, but that the active co-operation of all is needed, if it is ever to be brought about.

DISTRESSED LADIES.

SUCCESSFUL SALE IN AID OF IRISH FUND.

A very successful sale on behalf of the Irish Distressed Ladies' Fund Work Depôt was held at the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, yesterday.

Amongst those in charge of the stalls were the Countess Fingal, Viscountess Gormanston, Viscountess Powerscourt, Lady Lambart, Lady Desart, Lady HolmPatrick, the Hon. Mrs. W. H. Campbell, Mrs. Gaisford St. Lawrence, Lady Moore, Mrs. Barker, Mrs. T. K. Laidlaw, Mrs. Westby, Mrs. Smith Bingham, Mrs. Vesey Colthurst, Mrs. Pyke Fortescue, Mrs. Dalgety, Mrs. Morrogh Ryan, Mrs. Arthur Bellingham, Mrs. J. X. Murphy, Miss M. Blount, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. Mease, Miss E. Butler, Miss Kenny and Mrs. Domville.

The Hon. Mrs. Ernest Guinness supplied an attractive flower stall and the Hon. Mrs. Hubert Preston a well-laden cake stall. Tea was supplied from 4 o'clock onwards.

As a result of the sale the Fund will be substantially assisted, and those who contributed to the success of the function are to be heartily congratulated.

The search for the golden cycle in weather is curiously similar in its history to the search for the philosopher's stone.—Mr. C. E. P. Brooks.

CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE ASSOCIATION.

The monthly meeting of the Executive Council of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the Irish Free State passed a resolution, warmly approving "of the issue by the Ministry for Local Government of a circular letter impressing upon local authorities the necessity for exercising the strictest economy in every department of expenditure, and recommends to the Minister that any such authority which continues to exercise its functions without due regard to strict economy and efficiency be replaced temporarily by paid Commissioners.

The meeting considered the bill for the nationalisation of railways, as introduced by the Labour Party in the Dail, and decided to express disapproval of the principle.

THE NATIONAL UNIVERSITY OF IRELAND.

The Senate of the National University of Ireland met on Friday, December 7th, 1923. Present:—Patrick J. Merriman, M.A., Vice-Chancellor of the University, President of University College, Cork, in chair; Denis J. Coffey, M.A., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O., LL.D., Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, President of University College, Dublin; the Rev. John F. D'Alton, M.A., D.Litt.; Robert Donovan, B.A.; the Rev. Thomas A. Finlay, S.J., M.A.; Mary T. Hayden, M.A.; the Rev. J. Hynes, M.A., B.D.; Seaghan P. MacEnrí, M.A., M.D., B.Ch.; Patrick McGilligan, M.A., T.D.; William Magennis, M.A., T.D.; Elizabeth M. O'Sullivan, M.A.; Alfred O'Rahilly, M.A., B.Sc., Ph.D., T.D.; Patrick Semple, M.A.; Thomas Walsh, B.A., B.Sc., M.D., D.P.H.; Denis P. Fitzgerald, B.A., M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O.; Hugh Ryan, M.A., D.Sc.; J. C. Dowdall, Fred. H. Wiber, Acting Registrar. Regrets for inability to attend the meeting were reported as having been received from Alexander Anderson, M.A., D.Sc., LL.D. Pro-Vice-Chancellor of the University, President of University College, Galway; John W. Bacon, M.A.

The Examiners and Supervisors of Examinations for the examinations of the year 1924 were appointed.

Senate made the following appointments:—Professor of Economics and Commerce, University College, Cork, John Busteed, B.Comm., Lecturer in Mental Diseases, University College, Cork, Owen F. McCarthy, L.R.C.P. and S. (Edin.).

The following lecturers, whose tenure of office expired in accordance with the statutes, were reappointed:—University College, Cork—Ancient Classics, W. H. Porter, M.A.; Dental Surgery, J. B. Hackett, M.B.; Dental Mechanics, C. J. Sheedy, L.D.S.; Electrical Technology, P. E. Belas, M.Sc.; History of Education, E. P. McSweeney; Modern Irish, E. O'Donoghue; Spanish, W. C. Cooke.

The Senate awarded the D.Sc. Degree on Published Works to Professor M. J. Conran, M.A.

Reports of the Standing Committee, Finance Committee, and General Board of Studies were considered and orders made thereon.

Other business of a routine character having been transacted, the Senate adjourned.

I have been dubbed the wild man of Parliament, but it is what I know of the tragedies of working-class life that makes me the wild man.—Mr. Kirkwood.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

THE NATIONAL GALLERY OF IRELAND.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—In your issue of to-day you publish a leading article on the subject of "Public Appointments," and, in particular, of the appointment to the Directorship of the National Gallery of Ireland. The writer of the article, to which you give such prominence, considers that it is "unfortunate" that those who were in a large majority have not justified in the public Press the decision to which they came. The Governors, having acted strictly according to rule and precedent, naturally did not think that any public justification was called for, and I, for one, would consider it most unfair to the candidates rejected, and to him whom we selected, were their merits or demerits discussed in the public Press.

The position is really quite a simple one. Two meetings of the Board were held. At the first all the applications were most carefully gone through, and from the long list five were selected for recommendation at the statutory meeting to be held a week later. At the second meeting, though it was open to any of the Governors to bring forward for recommendation any of the applicants, it was unanimously decided to consider only those five who had already been selected. Of those five, the names of two candidates were formally proposed and seconded, and, after a long discussion as to the suitability and qualifications of each candidate, a vote was taken, and Mr. O'Callaghan was elected by a large majority. I consider that the onus of proof that the decision of the majority was wrong lies with Mr. Bodkin.—Yours, etc.,

DERMOD O'BRIEN, President,
Royal Hibernian Academy of Arts.
Dublin, December 13th, 1923.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE IRISH TIMES.

SIR,—The approaching Christmas holiday is a matter which is exercising the minds of many whose occupation in life necessitates their living in towns miles from home. As Christmas Eve falls on a Monday, if the necessary legislation were passed enabling the banks to close on that day, it would be an incalculable boon to those citizens of the Free State mentioned above. If the banks closed, it would enable the large wholesale houses, insurance offices, etc., to follow suit. Of course, it is obvious that it could not be made a general bank holiday, as the food distributing shops must remain open.

In view of the fact that the bank officials of the Free State have had very onerous work thrust upon them in the past year in connection with the collection of income tax and with the National Loan, it would be an act of grace—provided that the bank directorates approve—if the Dail would realise these hopes of a real holiday at Christmas. To many it means the difference between spending the festive season in lodgings, miles from friends and relatives, and enjoying a well-earned rest in their family circle. If it were even possible to substitute Monday in lieu of St. Stephen's Day it would meet the case. In the year 1917, the last occasion on which Christmas Day fell on a Tuesday, the previous Monday was proclaimed a bank holiday, thus creating a precedent.

Not the least powerful argument in favour of an opportunity to do justice to the coming Christmas is the fact that it will be the first peaceful one that the Free State has celebrated.—Yours, etc.,

"NOEL."

Limerick, December 13th, 1923.

There is plenty of room in the Conservative Party for all who profess Conservative principles.—Lord Derby.

FURTHER REMAND IN FRAUD CHARGE.

In the Dublin Police Court yesterday, Joseph P. O'Dwyer, who gave an address in Cork, was again remanded on a charge of forgery and fraud in connection with a registered society, known as the Popular Homes Society. Mr. Patrick J. Connolly, Superintendent of the Turf Club, the Curragh, said that he had paid the accused £25 on 50 £1 shares in the "Popular Homes Society" the object of which, the accused had said, was to build houses in Dublin. The witness received no shares, nor was the promise fulfilled that he should be made a director of the Society.

The main result I hope of the literary journal—of which I claim to be the original inventor—is to educate the people up to an appreciation of good literature.—Mr. T. P. O'Connor, M.P.

Aperients may give temporary relief—Virolax removes the *cause* of irregularity

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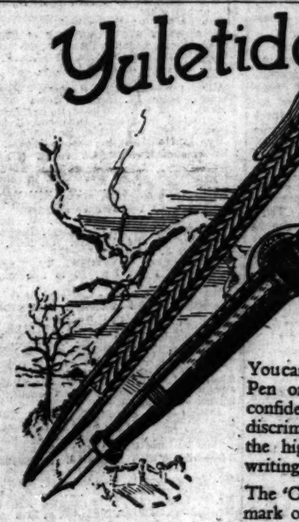

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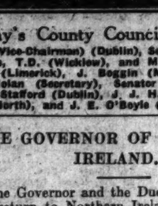

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FROM OUR TRAVELLING CORRESPONDENT.

LONDON, Thursday Night.

It could not be expected that prices at the Newmarket sales to-day would sustain the level of yesterday. That was a day that deserves to be written of in letters of gold in the annals of bloodstock breeding; but, considering that the sum realised for the lots sold between 9.15 a.m. and 6 o'clock this evening was £65,205, the average was well maintained. A considerable number of lots were returned unsold throughout the day, but the reserves in many cases must have been very high, for bidders seemed to go well up to the value of many of them, and even beyond in some cases.

St. Louis, a colt bred by Mr. J. J. Maher, who won the Two Thousand Guineas for Lord Queenborough, came up with the large draft from Mr. Gilpin's stable, but was withdrawn at 4,200 guineas. There is a report that Lord Queenborough is taking his horses—he has not many—away from Mr. Gilpin, and is sending them to Captain Cecil Boyd-Rochfort. Lord Queenborough has a penchant for Irish bloodstock. It was for him that Mr. Robert Gore bought Tom Crow. Back in the summer I know he had a hankering after Pacifist, and I believe he was very anxious to buy Vesington Star not long ago.

HIGH RESERVES.

Among the Clarehaven lot came up also Major Giles Loder's Royal Crescent, a winner in Ireland this season, but she was withdrawn at 1,450 guineas. It must have been a little galling to Major Beatty to see the two-year-old Paddy, by Golden Sun out of Shanogue, a mare that Captain Arthur Boyd-Rochfort bought yesterday, bid up to 3,300 guineas, for the Phantom House trainer had let him go out of a selling race in the summer for 820 guineas to Basil Jarvis. Lady Bradford, from whom Jarvis bought him then, retained him this afternoon. Another horse that Frank Hartigan sold out of a "seller" in Clochnaben was bought in for Mr. James White at 2,500 guineas, and the same owner's Norseman was also retained at 3,500 guineas.

TREMOLA AND LEGEND.

One of the disappointments of the day—to his owner, at least—was Tremola. Last year Mr. A. Falcon gave Mr. T. J. O'Neill 2,900 guineas for him, but to-day no one would go beyond 1,450 guineas, at which price he was retained. On the other hand one of the remarkable prices realised was the 2,200 guineas given by the astute Ayr dealer-trainer McGuigan, for Legend. Early in the summer Mr. James de Rothschild tossed Legend's owner, Sir Hugo Cunliffe-Owen, whether he should give him £1,000 or £500 for him, and, having won the toss, secured him for the "monkey." He proved very disappointing, but, as he is by John o' Gaunt out of Lesbia, someone was apparently anxious to secure him, and instructed McGuigan accordingly.

AMERICAN BUYERS FIND PRICES HIGH

Major Cape sold neither Valiant nor Minniement, both being withdrawn at 1,850 guineas. The highest price paid during the day was the 6,000 guineas given for the Derby Cup winner, Daughter-in-Law, by Lord Woolavington. Another good price was 2,000 guineas for the foal by the Tetrarch out of the Earla Mor mare, Captured, by the representative of the American Leona Stud. American buyers who came to the sales are, I understand, a little disappointed. Prices have gone far too high for them. The best of the sales is probably over, for to-morrow's lots, although of general excellence, are not outstanding.

HURST PARK.

There is hardly anything worth writing about the racing at Windsor this afternoon, which was uncommonly dull and of poor quality. Things may be rather better tomorrow at Hurst Park, where I expect CAVALIER to win the Hurst Park Hurdle Handicap. We may possibly see HALSTON do better in the Molesey Steeplechase than he has yet done in England. At any rate, Mr. Gore has sent him in preference to Sir Huon and Drinmond, and, as the opposition will not be strong, he may win. Both CIVIC GUARD and THE RED KNIGHT should continue their winning sequence in the Strawberry Hill Hurdle and the Wey Handicap Steeplechase, respectively.

GALTEE MORE.

BETTING FORECAST.

HURST PARK.

1.0 Race—7 to 4 agst Maxtoi, 9 to 4 Silken Prince, 5 to 1 Loch Allen, 6 to 1 each Hard Nail and The Saint IV., 8 to 1 each Rockmeadow and Carrolstown, 10 to 1 each Welton and Pacifist, 100 to 8 First Swallow, 100 to 6 others.

1.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Dominican, 7 to 2 Crossjack, 5 to 1 Sundrop, 6 to 1 Spicey, 7 to 1 Royal Enclosure, 8 to 1 Peter Pax, 10 to 1 each Mebos and Moseley, 100 to 6 any other.

2.0 Race—2 to 1 agst. Cavalier, 7 to 2 Redhill, 5 to 1 Perry Hill, 6 to 1 Halberdier, 8 to 1 Furious, 10 to 1 Santavon, 100 to 8 each Predial and Belgian Boy, 100 to 7 High Force, 20 to 1 any other.

2.30 Race—5 to 2 agst. Shaun Spadah, 7 to 2 Catamaran, 5 to 1 Halston, 8 to 1 Daydawn, 10 1 each Templebar and Gem, 100 to 8 any other.

3.0 Race—5 to 4 agst. Civic Guard, 7 to 4 Mitchells, 8 to 1 each Tara Hill and Brown Magic, 10 to 1 Croiseur, 100 to 8 Treviso, 100 to 6 Perdia, 20 to 1 any other.

3.30 Race—Evens The Red Knight, 7 to 2 agst. Devonport, 8 to 1 St. Flavien, 10 to 1 Headmaster, 100 to 6 any other.

"FORM" HORSES.

HURST PARK.

1. 0—Hard Nail.
1.30—Dominican.
2. 0—Cavalier.
2.30—Halston.
3. 0—Civic Guard.
3.30—Red Knight.
DOUBLE—Civic Guard (nap) and Red Knight.

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ACCEPTANCES.

MANCHESTER NEW YEAR MEETING.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 1.

VICTORY STEEPLECHASE (H'cap), £1,000. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
HAIRPIN II. (Mr. Sanday) (5lb. ex.) Owner	a	12	9
HARTON (Mr. V. Thompson) F. Hartigan	a	12	8
ZENON (Mr. O'C. O'Reilly) H. Harrison	a	12	3
SOUTHEND (Mr. C. Kenyon) ..C. Davis	a	12	3
FOREWARNED (Mr. W. Bankier) Hastings	a	12	1
ABRAVALE (Mr. C. Baron) ..Whitaker	a	11	12
ARDGOUR (Mr. E. Platt) ..F. Hartigan	a	11	12
CLONREE (Mrs. A. Blain) ......Spittle	a	11	9
MR. MADCAP (Sir H. Webb) D. Harrison	a	11	9
BEN CRUCHAN (Mr. F. Barbour) Armstrong	a	11	7
CONJUROR II. (Major Dewhurst) Coulthwaite	a	11	5
SHERSTON (Sir E. Tate) ......Gardner	a	11	4
IRISH LIGHT (Mrs. A. Law) ....A. Law	a	11	3
PHANTOM BOLD (Sir R. Liddell) Peacock	a	11	3
WAVETOWN (Mr. A. Hood) ..Fergusson	a	11	3
HELMET (Mr. J. Magee) (5lb. ex.) M. Rice	a	11	2
SNAE FELL (Mr. F. Wilmot) ..G. Poole	a	11	1
DUDLEY (Lord Londesborough) H. Brown	a	11	0
GLEN REAGH (Mr. J. Meade) ..Moloney	6	11	0
WATT TYLER (Mr. J. Harper) ....Private	a	10	13
SOOTHING GLASS (Mr. Murland) Magee	a	10	9
CURRAGH BREEZE (Mr. J. Whelan) Owner	a	10	7

(Weights raised 5lb.)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 2.

VICTORY HURDLE HANDICAP, £500. 2 m.

	Age	st.	lb.
FARIRAY (Mr. P. Monahan) Coulthwaite	a	12	7
CELTIC MIST (Mr. F. Kenyon) C. Davis	6	12	0
WEST COUNTRYMAN (Sir R. W. B. Jardine) ....Coulthwaite	6	11	12
HIGHLANDMORE (Mrs. E. M. Croft) Dawson	5	11	12
FLAMING SWORD (Lady Watts) G. Poole	6	11	10
ULSTER DIVISION (Mr. D. W. Barnett) Earl	a	11	10
ARGO (Mr. E. G. de Mestre) Coulthwaite	5	11	9
ASSAROE (Mr. S. Howard) ......Newey	a	11	8
OLD TIMES (Mr. C. Taylor) Coulthwaite	6	11	6
FRONT LINE (Mr. Groves) ......Morley	a	11	4
PERRY HILL (Mr. L. Phillips) T. Leader	a	11	3
AUBRETIA (Mr. E. C. Huggett) Anthony	a	11	2
DAYLIGHT SAVER (Mr. M'Laughlin) Vasey	a	11	2
BARCEDO (Mr. J. Holmes) D. Harrison	a	11	2
GAVOTTE (Mr. P. Layton) R. J. Colling	5	11	0
PHANTOM CHARLIE (Sir R. Liddell) Peacock	5	10	11
HUNG HO (Lord Wavertree) ..Fergusson	6	10	11
JACKSDALE (Mr. W. Black) ....Bissill	a	10	9
GRANCHESTER (Mr. T. Nolan) Coulthwaite	a	10	9
CLACKMANNAN (Mr. Green) C. Pigott	5	10	5
TORLIONE (Mrs. M. H. Douglas) Douglas	6	10	0

Other Sport on Page 3.

WINDSOR RESULTS.

1.0—COLLEGE HANDICAP 'CHASE of £150. 2 m.
Captain Norrie's b. g. ARDUOUS, by Ardoon—Noble Grace, 6, 11-11..........L. Rees 1
Mr. Candwell's KIRKWOOD, 6, 12-0 F. Sargeant 2
Mr. Ismay's MISS BALSCADDEN, 4, 11-9 J. Anthony 3
Also ran — Sprig (T. Leader), The Lout (T. James), Southerner (J. Hogan), Ballymackney (Mr. Hilliard). (Winner trained by Hammond.)
Betting—9 to 4 agst. ARDUOUS, 3 to 1 Kirkwood, 5 to 1 each Miss Balscadden and The Lout, 6 to 1 Sprig, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by half a length; four lengths.

1.30—THURSDAY (S.) H'CAP HURDLE of £150. 2 m.
Mr. Fitton's b. g. ATHOLHAMPTON, by White Magic—Ignorance, 6, 11-2..........F. Fitton 1
Mr. Barton's FRIAR DENIS, 7, 10-13 F. Brookes 2
Mr. Piggott's BEDELIA, 5, 10-7......V. Piggott 3
Also ran — Charley's Uncle (L. Rees), Z.Z. (Butchers), Topical Charlie (F. Fitzgerald), Vocalion (J. Morgan), Feltham Hill (C. Morgan), Hopeful (R. Smith), Lamu (W. Smyth), Brotherhood (E. August), Teddie's Boy (W. Casey), Redshank (R. Greenhill). (Winner trained by Fitton.)
Betting—11 to 8 agst. Bedelia, 4 to 1 Friar Denis, 8 to 1 each ATHOLHAMPTON, Z.Z., Hopeful II., 10 to 1 Topical Charlie, 100 to 7 any other.
Won by a head; a short head.

2.0—DECEMBER HANDICAP HURDLE of £250. 2 m.
Mr. Waldman's b. g. HONG KONG, by China Cock—Sanford, 4, 11-4 ....G. Duller 1
Mr. T. Walker's TEDNEY, 5, 11-10..J. Anthony 2
Mr. J. Misa's FIRING LINE, 5, 12-2......Owner 3
Also ran—Rookwood (E. Barker), Honeycomb (F. Wootton), Brandyball (T. Carey), Owen (W. Smith). (Winner trained by Martin.)
Betting—6 to 4 on HONG KONG, 11 to 4 agst. Tedney, 8 to 1 Rookwood, 100 to 8 any other.
Won by six lengths; three lengths.

2.30—PADDOCK (S.) 'CHASE of £100. 2 m.
Mr. Tattersall's b. g. NED CARVER, by Crathorne, dam's pedigree unknown, a, 11-7 ....L. Rees 1
Mr. Rimell's BEDFORD ROW, a, 11-7 T. Moreau 2
Mr. Baker's GOLDEN VICTORY, 6, 11-7 R. Morgan 3
Also ran — Dunadry (J. Hogan, jun.), Sirian (Owner), Marcoglass (Owner), Sir Eyre (T. Costello). (Winner trained by Poole.)
Betting—7 to 4 agst. Bedford Row, 3 to 1 Sir Eyre, 4 to 1 Golden Victory, 6 to 1 NED CARVER, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by two lengths; eight lengths.

3.0—BOVENAY THREE-YEAR-OLD HURDLE of £100. 1½ m.
Mr. Wootton's b. c. STUFF GOWN, by Junior—Porphyris, 11-7 ....F. Wootton 1
Mr. Collins's PERAHARA, 10-7 ....F. Rees 2
Mr. H. King's TARPON, 10-7 ....G. Duller 3
Also ran—Orange River (F. Brooks), Flighty (D. Dick), Our Phillip (W. Smyth), Prester Jill (G. Moylan), Plus Fours (Hogan, jun.), Torness (J. Dillon), Animated (Mr. Prioleau). Off 3.2. (Winner trained by Coulthwaite.)
Betting—6 to 4 agst. STUFF GOWN, 9 to 4 Perahara, 3 to 1 Tarpon, 7 to 1 Plus Fours, 33 to 1 any other.
Won by a neck; two lengths.
An objection to Stuff Gown for bumping was overruled.

3.30—CLUB HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £200. 3 m.
Mr. Ivall's b. g. MY RATH, by Succoth—Bit of Thought, 11, 12-0 ....Capt. Bennett 1
Mr. T. Richards's CROSS PADDY, 9, 11-5 L. Rees 2
Mr. Parsonage's THE SHERIFF, 5, 11-5 A. Escott 3
Also ran:—Sidamant (F. Brookes). Off at 3.30. (Winner trained by G. Bennett.)
Betting—7 to 4 agst. The Sheriff, 2 to 1 MY RATH, 11 to 4 Cross Paddy, 10 to 1 Sidimant.
Won by twelve lengths; same.

CARLISLE

1.0—PENRITH STEEPLECHASE of £70. 3 m.
Mr. C. Kenyon's b. g. MY ROYAL, by Avidity—Bit of a Thought, a, 12-7 ......G. Goswell 1
Also ran—Brutus III. (W. Hammett), Hedu (Trulove), Upton Lad (Pearce), Roman Hackle (D. Colbert). Off 1.0. (Winner trained by J. Dodd.)
Betting—Evens Hedu, 3 to 1 agst. MY ROYAL, 5 to 1 Roman Hackle, 6 to 1 Brutus III., 10 to 1 Upton Lad.
My Royal finished alone.

1.30—GOSSIP HOLME HURDLE RACE of £70. 2 m.
Brigadier-General J. Rotton's ch. g. VESUVIUS, by Irishman—Gipsy Girl, 6, 12-0 ..Threlfell 1
Mr. T. Lawrie's MANVER, 4, 11-4 ..Ringstead 2
Mr. J. Webb's SON OF ERIN, 3, 10-0 ..W. Bell 3
Also ran—Garrett (M. Dillon), Numa (R. Riley), Chetnole (Mr. R. Barker), Mischief (L. Jones). Off 1.30. (Winner trained by J. Renwick.)
Betting—Evens Garrett, 9 to 4 agst. VESUVIUS, 6 to 1 Numa, 10 to 1 each Manver and Son of Erin or any other.
Won by four lengths; a neck.

2.0—HARRABY STEEPLECHASE of £70. 2 m.
Mr. G. Greer's LISSEN HALL, 5, 11-7 J. Boal 1
Mr. D. Harvey's MANTA, a, 11-9 ......P. Grace 2
Mr. G. Sanday's HERMOCLES, 4, 11-0 G. Goswell 3
Also ran—Jackette (Croney), King Peter (Owner), Solar (A. Jones), Tallow Knight (P. Mullen). Off 2.4. (Winner trained Privately.)
Betting—9 to 4 agst. Hermocles, 3 to 1 each LISSEN HALL and Manta, 10 to 1 any other.
Won by eight lengths; twenty lengths.

2.30—SCUGGAR HURDLE RACE (S.) of £70. 2 m.
Capt. Wilson's ch. g. PIVOTAL, by Radium—Reprieve, 6, 12-0 ....Threlfell 1
Mr. Bellerby's GOLDEN DAISY, a, 12-0 Owner 2
Mr. Reay's GUY AGNEW, a, 12-0 Mr. P. Robertson 3
Also ran—Linonyx (R. Riley), Beggar's Opera (W. Bell), Pit Boy (Croney). Off 2.34. (Winner trained by J. Renwick.)
Betting—6 to 4 on PIVOTAL, 3 to 1 agst. Golden Daisy, 6 to 1 Pit Boy, 10 to 1 Guy Agnew or any other.
Won by half a length; twelve lengths.

3.0—MOORHOUSE S'CHASE HANDICAP, £70. 2 m.
Mr. Smith's br. h. SCOTTISH ARCHER, by Sir Archibald—Scotch Brose, a, 11-3 A. Waudby 1
Mr. M'Roberts' DIRECTORY, a, 10-0 ..P. Grace 2
Mr. W. Wallis's LOUVIMA, a, 11-2 ..D. Colbert 3
Also ran—Bachelor's Lady (Threlfell), Edgeley (Croney), Castleblake (Mr. W. Shaw), De Combat (Watkinson), Shrewsbury (G. Goswell). (Winner trained by Peacock.)
Betting—5 to 4 agst. SCOTTISH ARCHER, 7 to 2 Bachelor's Lady, 6 to 1 Directory, 8 to 1 Castleblake, 10 to 1 Louvima, or any other.
Won by three lengths; one length.

3.30—DECEMBER HURDLE HANDICAP, £70. 2 m.
Mr. Johnstone's b. c. JACQUOT, by Sunstar—Jongleuse, 4, 11-12 ....F. Armstrong 1
Mr. F. Laing's JUGALIS, 6, 12-6 ..H. Watkins 2
Mr. Bolton's ACROCEPHALUS, a, 11-8 J. Payne 3
Also ran—Manly Boy (W. Hammett), Marcia (Threlfell), Ballylundan (D. Colbert), Banksian (J. P. Davies). (Winner trained by O'Sullivan.)
Betting—11 to 10 agst. Marcia, 3 to 1 Manly Boy, 4 to 1 Acrocephalus, 8 to 1 Jugalis, 10 to 1 JACQUOT, or any other.
Won by two lengths; one length.

SPECIAL SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY.

Daily Mirror :—Double—Belgian Boy (nap) and Gem.

Daily News :—Double—Cavalier and The Red Knight.

Daily Graphic :—Double—High Force and Civic Guard.

Daily Express :—Double — Redhill and Mitchells. Safety bet—Redhill.

Daily Chronicle :—Double — Redhill and Mitchells. "To Beat the Book"—Redhill.

Westminster Gazette :—To-day's best — Civic Guard. Double—Civic Guard and The Red Knight.

SPORTING PARAGRAPHS.

Mullagher-a-boo has arrived at Cholderton to be trained by Woodman.

Mr. W. B. Purefoy has been appointed a director of the Kempton Park Company, in place of the late Captain W. F. Fry, and Mr. W. T. Blenkiron has been elected chairman by the board of directors.

GOLF.

GLENEAGLES THOUSAND GUINEAS TOURNAMENT.

The Gleneagles tournament for 1,000 guineas in prize-money, presented by the *Glasgow Herald*, has been fixed for the week commencing June 9th, the venue, as in former years, being Gleneagles.

HOWTH.—Ladies' Branch.—Monthly medal tomorrow (Saturday), 9 holes, strokes. Draw at 1.30-2.30 o'clock. November medal won by Miss Greene.

MALAHIDE.—Semi-open foursomes v. bogey. Played 11th inst., result:—Mrs. de Prée and Miss M. Gillespie (12), 2 down.

HERMITAGE.—Saturday Cup Final, December 15th—The following is the draw:—J. D. Egan v. J. E. Dalton; P. Beattie v. T. Cormack; C. C. Robertson v. J. F. Doyle; J. V. Hickey v. Marker; C. Lavery v. W. P. Mangan; A. P. Hughes v. R. Callaghan; Dr. Sherlock v. J. J. Doyle; Rev. M. Burke v. Father McAuliffe; C. Duff v. A. J. Gilfoyle; P. O'Hagan v. J. M. Doyle; J. Fagan v. M. J. Emoe; Jas. Fielding v. J. S. Jolly.

HURST PARK

TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME AND SELECTIONS.

Quite a good card is provided for the two days at Hurst Park, and if the weather holds it should prove a successful wind-up to a busy week. The going now is in excellent order, and, as several horses are already on the spot, good fields should be the order of the day. The Hurst Park Handicap Hurdle should prove an interesting race, in which I like the chances of Tomahawk, Perryhill, Count Ross, and Redhill. I feel sure we did not see anything like the best of the first-named when he ran so badly behind Harmonius at Sandown, but all the same my vote goes to Redhill. I cannot see anything likely to lower the colours of Mitchells in the Strawberry Hill Hurdle, as Civic Guard, I understand, does not run. Selections:—

Amateurs' Steeplechase—**Silken Prince.**
Surbiton Hurdle—**Dominican.**
Hurst Park Hurdle—***Redhill.**
Molesey Steeplechase—**Gore's selected.**
Strawberry Hill Hurdle—**Mitchells.**
Wey Steeplechase—**The Red Knight.**

1.0—AMATEURS' HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £150 (Amateur Riders). 2 m.
022 SHAUN SPADAH (Sir M. McAlpine) Poole 12 13 0
011 MAXTOI (Mr. Platt)......F. Hartigan 5 12 9
010 HARD NAIL (Lord Denman)....Poole 8 11 9
220 LOCH ALLEN (Capt. Vivian)..Gore 12 11 8
210 ANIMOSITY (Mr. Peacocke) R. Payne 10 11 5
402 THE SAINT IV. (Mr. Warner) Bletsoe a 11 2
004 ROCKMEADOW (Mr. Creed) ......Kirk 5 10 10
(The above have arrived.)
110 MARCHESI (Mr. Barry) .....D. Rogers 8 12 2
221 SILKEN PRINCE (Mrs. Baker) Martin 9 11 11
002 PACIFIST (Capt. Grant) .... W. Payne 9 11 6
430 CARROLSTOWN (Mrs. McDonnell) Bennett 7 11 2
000 IRLANDAIS (Mrs. Bennett) Bennett 9 11 2
00 PRINCE FLORENTINE (Mr. H. Hartigan) ....F. Hartigan 6 11 1
001 SERBAN (Mr. Tonge) ...... S. Bennet 9 11 0
030 FIRST SWALLOW (Mr. A. Scott) Woodland 6 10 13
0 ALL GOLD III. (Mr. Price) .. Private a 10 10
000 WELTON (Mr. Liddell) .. Woodland 8 10 10

1.30—SURBITON (S.) 3-Y.O. HURDLE of £200. 1½ m.
000 ROYAL ENCLOSURE (Mr. Rimell) Newey 10 12
00 STONE AXE (Mrs. H. Gregson) C. Young 10 5
33 SUNDROP (Mr. F. St. C. Matthey) Pope 10 5
243 MOSELEY (Mr. P. Phillips)....Anthony 10 5
002 SPICEY (Mr. Pickering)........Pickering 10 5
004 YOUNG HEROINE (Mr. E. Stanley) Hastings 10 5
00 PHOENIX (Mr. Waugh) ...... T. Leader 10 5
(The above have arrived.)
130 BRAHMIN (Mr. B. Smith)....Fitzgerald 10 12
113 CHERRY BOB (Mr. Bartholomew) J. Kelly 10 12
00 MEBOS (Mrs. Bennett) .... Bennett 10 5
4 ROYAL SPORT (Mr. G. Bennett) Bennett 10 5
0 CORFORD (Sir H. Bird) ...... Hammond 10 5
00 COUNT VOLTA (Mr. T. Bolton) F. Lyall 10 5
0 MY RAMBLER (Miss Brewer) .... Goby 10 5
HOUSEHOLD BRIGADE (Mr. Edge) Poole 10 5
00 DASH O' WHITE (Mr. Frame) Killaloe 10 5
00 THE GRIPPER (Mr. F. Hartigan) F. Hatigan 10 5
GLARRYFORD (Mr. Hulme)......Hulme 10 5
0 OUR PHILLIP (Mr. Humphrey) Smyth 10 5
223 PETER PAX (Mr. Humphrey) ....Smyth 10 5
000 POLY GOLDSMITH (Mr. Hunt) A. Hunt 10 5
0 LAKE SUPERIOR (Mr. Lines) .... Lines 10 5
0 LADY ARGALA (Capt. Mundy)....Hare 10 5
002 DOMINICAN (Mr. Beardon)......Beardon 10 5
0 CROSSJACK (Mr. H. Rich) ...... Martin 10 5
NICE ONE (Lady Torrington)......Sonray 10 5

2.0—HURST PARK HANDICAP HURDLE of £400. 2 m.
010 FURIOUS (Sir F. Price)........Gilbert 7 12 3
100 HALBERDIER (Lord Denman)....Poole 7 11 11
422 REDHILL (Mr. V. Thompson) F. Hartigan 4 11 5
012 DOUBLE BED (Mr. Blagrave) Whitaker 6 11 5
002 PERRY HILL (Mr. Phillips) T. Leader 8 11 2
BELGIAN BOY (Mr. T. Richards) G. Sadler 4 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
133 CAVALIER (Mr. Kershaw) .. Anthony 9 12 7
004 COUNT ROSS (Capt. S. Wilson) Whitaker 6 11 11
033 TOMAHAWK (Mr. Weil) W. Nightingall 5 11 8
000 SANTAVON (Mr. P. Clinton)....Batho 6 11 6
213 HIGH FORCE (Lord Rosebery) W. Nightingall 4 11 2
041 PREDIAL (10lb. ex.) (Mrs. Weeden) Larkin 4 10 10

2.30—MOLESEY HANDICAP STEEPLECHASE of £200. 3 m.
022 SHAUN SPADAH (Sir M. McAlpine) Poole 12 12 7
010 DAYDAWN (Baron F. de Tuyll) F. Hartigan 10 12 5
020 HALSTON (Maj. D. Dixon) ......Gore 11 11 13
(The above have arrived.)
413 SIR HUON (Ld. Woolavington) ....Gore 9 12 1
233 ST. ENDAS (Miss Black) ....J. Wood 10 11 10
120 MASK MAN (Mr. E. Platt) F. Hartigan 8 11 9
024 TEMPLEBAR (Mr. Smith) ..Fitzgerald 9 11 8
300 CRAGGIE ROCK (Mr. T. Hartigan) Kemp 8 11 6
311 CATAMARAN (Mr. Beauchamp) Whitaker 7 11 5
112 IRISH LIGHT (Mr. A. Law) ..A. Law 8 11 4
111 GEM (7lb. ex.) (Mrs. Bennett)..Bennett 7 11 3
010 JAMES PIGG (Mr. J. Corrigan) T. Leader 10 11 3
302 MY RATH (Mr. P. Ivall) .....Bennett 11 11 1
020 CROSS PADDY (Mr. T. Richards) W. Nightingall 9 10 12
122 DAISY WILLETT (Mrs. Willett) Hammond 9 10 11
003 DRINMOND (Lord Queenborough)..Gore 6 10 10
100 MILLIGAN (Mr. Green) ....C. Young 10 10 7
203 HAZEL DAWN (Mrs. Hollins) W. Payne 8 10 4

3.0—STRAWBERRY HILL HURDLE of £250. 2 m.
411 MITCHELLS (Mr. Barling)......Barling 4 12 9
311 CIVIC GUARD (Mr. Kershaw) Anthony 4 12 9
TULLYLOST (Mrs. J. Putnam)...Poole 4 11 11
3 TARA HILL (Mr. Hartigan) F. Hartigan 3 10 7
33 BROWN MAGIC (Mr. Whitbread) S. Bennet 3 10 7
(The above have arrived.)
441 CROISSEUR (Mr. Larkin) ....Larkin 4 12 4
230 GORGONIUS (Mr. Tagg) ....Tagg 5 12 2
PERDIA (Mr. Whitaker) ......Whitaker 6 12 2
0 BEAURAVIN (Col. M. Hughes) Scourveld 5 12 2
030 FIRST SWALLOW (Mr. A. Scott) Woodland 6 12 2
420 FAFMUND (Mr. Duller) ....Duller 4 11 11
0 MULLEIN (Lord Lascelles) ....Gore 4 11 11
0 WITTOL (Ld. Rosebery) W. Nightingall 4 11 11
40 HAPPY RELEASE (Mr. J. Settle) C. Davis 4 11 11
TREVISO (Col. W. Storr) ..T. Leader 4 11 11
00 MAINGAFF (Mr. Goldwater) Hammond 3 10 7
03 ICARUS (Mr. O. Rayner) ....East 3 10 7

3.30—WEY HANDICAP 'CHASE of £200. 2 m.
033 DEVONPORT (Mr. Pole) F. Hartigan a 12 4
(The above has arrived.)
021 THE BLEEKA (7lb. ex.) (Mr. M. McKeritt) Poole 6 13 0
201 ARDUOUS (7lb. ex.) (Capt. Norris) Fitzgerald 6 12 9
211 THE RED KNIGHT (Mr. E. Stanley) Hastings 4 12 5
010 ST. FLAVIEN (Maj. Harrison) Powell 6 12 4
030 DOWN SOUTH (Mr. Kenyon) C. Davis 6 12 2
002 HEAD MASTER (Mr. Blenkiron) W. Nightingall 5 11 13
42 THE DOWNS (Ld. Cawley)......Powell 4 11 13
041 PREDIAL (Mrs. Weeden) ....Larkin 4 11 13
330 MISS BALSCADDEN (Mr. B. Ismay) Hastings 4 11 10
002 WILD TIMES (Mr. H. Brown) H. Brown 6 11 8
040 GAPPIE (Col. Croft) ....A. Law 6 10 12
300 SHIPWRECK (Mr. Moss) ....Private 5 10 12

RUGBY.

HOSPITALS CUP.

SIR PATRICK DUN'S (16) v. MATER (3).

Dun's had a very useful side out at Lansdowne road yesterday, and they won comfortably by 2 goals and 2 tries to a penalty goal. The game had not long been started when Mater were awarded a free, and McAleer kicked a goal. Mater pressed for a long time till Gillespie started his backs at half-way. Johnstone, Nunns, and Crichton handled, and Steele ran around behind the post, for Gillespie to convert.

Mater seemed to have shot their bolt, as Dun's were on top for nearly all the concluding period, and soon Woods dived over for Gillespie to improve. Then passing by Woods and Nunns gave Brittain an opportunity of going over, but Gillespie hit the cross-bar. A little before the finish, Steele and Crichton had a passing run down the left, which resulted in Crichton going over, but Redmond's kick failed.

Odbert, Steele, Nunns, and Gillespie (backs), and Clinch, Crawford, Crichton, and Wilde (forwards) played well for Dun's; while the pick of Mater were McGowan, Walsh, and McAleer (backs), and Spain, Smith, and Rafferty (forwards). Teams:—

Sir Patrick Dun's Hospital—P. Odbert; J. F. Steele, P. J. Johnstone, C. Nunns, W. Redmond; G. F. Gillespie, G. Smith; R. Y. Crichton, J. D. Clinch, E. S. Crawford, H. Brittain, W. Speedy, J. F. Wilde, R. Woods, W. L. Smith.

Mater Hospital—G. McAleer; J. Mahony, P. Donovan, P. J. McGrath, C. May; P. McGowan, J. Walshe; A. Spain, P. J. Smith, D. Rafferty, G. Kennedy, J. Craig, J. Craig, G. Cullen, B. Gallagher.

PRINCIPAL FIXTURES FOR TO-MORROW

Dublin University v. Clontarf. College Park.
Lansdowne v. Palmerston. Lansdowne road.
Monkstown v. Blackrock. Sydney Parade.
Knock v. Old Wesley. Belfast.
North of Ireland v. Wanderers. Belfast.
Bective Rangers v. Instonians. Donnybrook.

C.U.S., 26 points; Presentation College, 3 points.

Dublin University 3rd A v. Rosse College. College Park at 3.15 to-day:—

Dublin University 3rd A—Joyce; Pringle, McIntosh, O'Donnell, McDowell; Rice, McGee, Atkinson, Gerrard, Harriss, McDowell, Henry, Patrick, Wilson, Warrington.

TO-DAY'S FIXTURE.

Dublin University 3rd A v. Rosse College. College Park, 3.15.

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NEWMARKET SALES.

SATISFACTORY PRICES.

DAUGHTER-IN-LAW FETCHES 6,000 GUINEAS.

After the extraordinary prices realised on Wednesday, the proceedings seemed to be a trifle tame yesterday, though a few big prices were obtained. The Lucknam Park Stud had a capital sale, Mr. de Pledge giving 900 guineas for Echlass (covered by Buchan) and 1,250 guineas for her colt foal by Sunstar. The Leona Stud Farm went to 2,000 guineas for a filly foal by The Tetrarch out of Captured, and Mrs. Sofer Whitburn bought Dittany for 900 guineas. A little later Mr. Allison obtained Marriage Lines, a three-year-old by Tracery, decidedly cheap at 820 guineas. The star from the Gauthy Stud was the three-year-old Daughter-in-Law, who went to Lord Woolavington for 6,000 guineas. Thanks to Mrs. Sofer Whitburn and Lord Glanely, the draft of half a dozen from Sir Robert Jardine's stable averaged just over 1,000 guineas. The lady mentioned gave 2,600 guineas for Lineage, by Tracery, and covered by Swynford; whilst Lord Glanely paid 1,850 guineas for Sunbow, by Sunstar. Mr. S. H. Darling obtained 730 guineas for Yellow Iris, covered by Craig-an-Eran.

The horses in training from the Links Farm simply walked through the ring, and neither of Major J. S. Cape's pair, Valiant and Minniement, reached their reserve. Mr. J. A. de Rothschild parted with Legend to Mr. McGuigan for 2,200 guineas; whilst Mr. Alec. Taylor gave 720 guineas for Baton Rouge. Of the horses in training from the Kingsclere House stables Alopex made 1,000 guineas and Sunrising 910 guineas. Mr. J. A. de Rothschild gave 1,450 guineas for Rossmore in Sir Abe Bailey's draft. Amongst the Clarehaven contingent St. Louis was passed out at 4,200 guineas, and none of them quite reached four figures. Details:—

	Gns.
Property of Sir Pyers Mostyn.	
Silver How (13 yrs.), by Spearmint, dam Mountain Daisy (covered by Lemberg) (Mr. Chantre)	510
Property of Lieutenant-Colonel R. B. Johnson.	
Harmony (15 yrs.), by St. Frusquin—Melody (covered by Lemberg) (Mr. Reynolds)....	100
Bay filly foal by Great Sport—Harmony (Mr. Glasspool)	210
Property of Mr. C. L. Vandeleur.	
Square Wind, by Simon Square—Windbound (covered by Royal Canopy) (Mrs. Rich)..	165
Property of Mr. C. Bower Ismay.	
Clipstone (7 yrs.), by Cylgad—Castalla (covered by Skyrocket) (Mr. C. F. Creed)	170
Property of Mrs. Robinson.	
Risette (6 yrs.), by Roi Herode—Missette (covered by Flamboyant) (Mr. T. J. Young)	500
Property of Mr. Gilbert Robinson.	
Bay colt foal by Son-in-Law—Lady Whitefoot (Mr. Ernest Bellamy)	730
Property of Mrs. Edward Clayton.	
Bay filly foal by Beppo—Melva (Colonel Hermon Hodge)	105
Br. filly foal by Bay D'Or—Lanumadilla (Mr. G. Stern)	210
Bay filly foal by Diadumenos—Viscarda (Major Beatty)	320
Property of Mrs. Plummer.	
Colt foal by Treclare—Barugh Duchess (Mr. Michelinos)	200
Mares and Foals from Overtown Stud.	
Loaf Sugar (8 yrs.) by John o' Gaunt—Caramel (covered by Son-in-Law) (British Bloodstock Agency)	600
Polaric (5 yrs.) by Sunstar—Dodragh (covered by Gainsborough) (Mr. C. F. Creed).....	800
Lady Bessie (5 yrs.) by Lemberg—Azones (covered by Farman) (Office du Pur Sang)	800
Persimma (3 yrs.) by Blink—Princess Persimmon (covered by Polygnotus) (Mr. J. W. Harris)	155
Filly foal by Diadumenos—Felice (Mr. R. Brendon)	100
Property of Lucknam Park Stud.	
Br. filly foal by Blink—Merry Match (Mr. J. W. Harris)	220
Echlass (11 yrs.) by Isinglass—Lady Echline (covered by Buchan) (Mr. W. de Pledge)	900
Ch. colt foal by Sunstar—Echlass (Mr. W. de Pledge)	1250
Bay filly foal by The Tetrarch—Captured (Leona Stud Farm)	2000
Dittany (11 yrs.) by Count Schomberg—Bromus (covered by Craig an Eran) (Mrs. Sofer Whitburn)	900
Br. colt foal by Blink—Dittany (Mr. Sidebottom)	150
Bay colt foal by Blink—Royal Yoke (Mr. A. Taylor)	340
Colt foal by Grey Fox II.—La Flotte (Mr. Grezille)	135
Demurrage (15 yrs.) by Cyllene—Hamilltrude (Mrs. Rich)	300
Filly foal by Mount William—Demurrage (Mr. R. Farquharson)	150
Reception (13 yrs.) by Melton—Social (Mr. O. Bell)	110
Colt foal by White Eagle—Reception (Mr. R. Dand)	100
Property of a Gentleman.	
Marriage Lines (3 yrs.) by Tracery—Merry Match (covered by Trespasser) (Mr. W. Allison)	820
Property of Lord Penrhyn.	
Early to Rise (7 yrs.) by Flotsam—Early to Bed (covered by Rochester) (Mr. H. Bowcher)	100
Property of Capt. C. Moore.	
Comet's Tail (5 yrs.) by Chaucer—Northern Flight (covered by Marten) (Mr. G. Stern)	730
Saffian (6 yrs.) by Stornoway—Spring Off (covered by Tetrameter) (Mr. S. C. Dawson)	320
Daughter-in-Law (3 yrs.) by Son-in-Law—Clerical Error (Mr. Livock)	6000
Draft from Mr. F. Koles' Stables.	
First Wheat (8 yrs.) by Buckwheat—Last Token (Mr. Widger)	120
Ulva Ferry (2 yrs.) by Junior—Senmeda (Mr. R. Day)	720
Fighting Lights (2 yrs.) by Clarissimus—Bukowina (Mr. M. C. Collins)	120
Property of Sir Charles T. Pulley.	
Royal Arcadia (10 yrs.) by Roi Herode—Cylix (covered by Cellini) (Mr. Corbiere)	250
Regal Blue, filly foal by Oisseau Bleu—Royal Arcadia (Mr. H. Reville)	300
Poor Ned, colt foal by Poor Boy—Nydian (Mr. H. Kent)	100
Gallardo (2 yrs.) by Swynford—Dona Sol (Mr. J. J. Parkinson)	45
Property of Mr. B. Irish.	
Bay filly foal by Lemberg—Ditton Belle (Mr. F. Templeman)	500
Annual Draft from New England Stud.	
Terceirt (8 yrs.), by Lemberg—Azores (covered by Diadumenos) (Mr. Corbiere)	320
Lineage (6 yrs.) by Tracery—Baronia (covered by Swynford) (Mrs. Sofer Whitburn)	2600
Sunbow (4 yrs.) by Sunstar—Baroness La Fleche (covered by Periosteum) (Lord Glanely)	1850
Piccadilly (4 yrs.) by Lemberg—Via (covered by Dairy Bridge) (Mrs. Sofer Whitburn)	600
Delvine (4 yrs.) by Swynford—Colline (Lord Glanely)	800
Maid of the Isle (3 yrs.) by Stornoway—Throssa (covered by Poltava) (Lord Glanely)	200
Property of Mr. W. W. Hope.	
King's Cross (5 yrs.) by Fairy King—Hot-cross Bun (Mr. J. Duncan)	230
Property of Mr. S. H. Darling.	
Starwort (5 yrs.) by Sunstar—Flori (covered by Stedfast) (Mr. F. Butters)	600
Ch. filly foal by Rock Flint—Starwort (Mr. Glasspool)	200
Yellow Iris (5 yrs.) by Santoi—Sweet Istria (covered by Craig-an-Eran) (Mr. P. Heybourn)	730
Draft from the Links.	
Prince Herod (6 yrs.) by Roi Herode—Egglestone (Mr. A. Taylor)	200
Lackey (2 yrs.) by Farman or Great Surprise—Obsequious (Mr. H. Golightly)	420
Rustling Belle (2 yrs.) by Russley—Bellemir (Mr. Elsey)	150
Property of Mr. A. Poole.	
Muction (9 yrs.) by Fowling Piece—Destination (covered by Sir Berkeley) (Mrs. Robinson)	115
Property of Captain A. Thistlethwayte.	
La Tigra (11 yrs.) by Martagon—Belle of the Season (covered by Decision) (Mr. J. D. Robertson)	165
Deflation (3 yrs.) by Greenback—Prescription (Mr. R. Day)	1300
Property of Mr. J. A. de Rothschild.	
The Haberdasher (2 yrs.) by Adular—Baroumi (Mr. T. Carr)	500
Baton Rouge (4 yrs.) by Lemberg—+ (cross) as Two Sticks (Mr. A. Taylor)	720
Broxa (5 yrs.), by Bridge of Earn—Proserpine (Mr. J. Patrick)	165
Legend (3 yrs.), by John o' Gaunt—Lesbia (Mr. J. McGuigan)	2200
Property of Lord Jersey.	
Nicator, by Swynford—Nicely (Mr. M. D. Saville)	470
Wait a Bit, by Call o' the Wild—Campanula	100
Property of Mr. J. S. Austen.	
Katinka (2 yrs.), by Russely—Orangerie (Mr. Donald Fraser)	500
Property of Mr. A. Falcon.	
Port Royal (5 yrs.), by John o' Gaunt—Port Sunlight (Mr. Wylie)	400
Pandarus (4 yrs.), by Son-in-Law—Resemblance (Mr. F. Darling)	410
Property of the Earl of Sefton.	
Pargelia (12 yrs.), by Wargrave—Wavelet's Pride (covered by Glanmerin) (Colonel Henry)	85
Draft from Terrace House Stables.	
Rosebank (2 yrs.), by Roseland—Zante (Mr. R. Day)	120
Aloped (3 yrs.), by White Magic—Alope (Mr. G. C. Poole)	1000
Sunrising (3 yrs.), by Son-in-Law—Red Orb (Mr. H. L. Cottrill)	918
Property of Sir Abe Bailey.	
Indelible (3 yrs.), by Farman—Graphite (Hon. George Lambton)	240
Blue Sol (3 yrs.), by Polymelus—China Blue (Mr. G. Spittle)	310
Gretna Green (3 yrs.), by Son-in-Law—Slip (Mr. R. P. Fotterill)	110
Widow Bird (4 yrs.), by White Eagle—Entebbe (Hon. George Lambton)	1550
Revival (4 yrs.), by Torloisk—Reverence (Mr. O'Sullivan)	300
Classic Lady (3 yrs.), by Son-in-Law—Cicerona (Mr. B. Irish)	260
Shiny Kid (3 yrs.), by Son-in-Law—Glitter Agnes (Mr. R. Nillett)	140
Rossmore, by Polymelus—Monaghan (Mr. James A. de Rothschild)	1450
B.A. (2 yrs.), by Gainsborough—Lady Thea (Mr. O'Sullivan)	300
Property of Mr. L. Schaverien.	
Joy's Delight (3 yrs.), by Gay Crusader—Cockyleeky (British Bloodstock Agency)	760
Pierian Spring (3 yrs.), by Chaucer—Shrike (Messrs. Brice)	270
Whitechapel, by Bachelor's Double—Coleska (Mr. O. Bell)	120
Draft from Clarehaven.	
Kingston Hill, by Quantock—Rockinge Queen (Mr. H. Ferny)	130
Merry M'ra, by Gay Crusader—Miranda (Messrs. Brice)	590
Goddess of Mirth (2 yrs.), by Black Jester—Minerva (British Bloodstock Agency)	200
Whispering Smith (2 yrs.), by Glasgerion—Listening Ears (Mr. H. Leader)	210
Westacre (2 yrs.), by Stornoway—Whimsey (Mr. J. McGuigan)	260
Kinsman, by Bachelor's Double—Star of Eve (Sir Cecil Bingham)	620
Hard Times by Young Pegasus—Desolation (Mr. H. R. King)	900
Rendezvous (2 yrs.) by Bachelor's Double—Lovely Night (Mr. D. Peacock)	960
Dress Rehearsal (2 yrs.) by Grand Parade—Rectify (Sir Richard Brooke)	540
Luck's Way (2 yrs.) by Stornoway—Fortuna (British Bloodstock Agency)	700
Tacitus (3 yrs.) by Cicero—Nevolnice (Mr. E. H. Gregory)	130
Property of Mr. P. Nelke.	
Arrowy (2 yrs.) by Diadumenos—First Arrow (Mr. Clarence Hailey)	320
Golden West by Cylba—Gold Rose (Mr. E. H. Gregory)	165
Property of Mr. Pickering.	
Bay gelding (2 yrs.) by Torloisk—Heath Poult (Mr. C. Waugh)	200
Draft from Heath House.	
Bay colt (2 yrs.) by Radiant—Galigny (Mr. A. Sadler, jun.)	560
Kousma (3 yrs.) by Amadis—Karenine (Mr. H. Leader)	250
Donna Inez (4 yrs.) by Charles O'Malley—Armorial Ensign (Lord Glanely)	850
Rossmoyne (4 yrs.) by Rossendale—Gold Risch (Mr. Alan Currie)	360
To Dissolve a Partnership.	
Theory (12 yrs.) by Santry — Lady Thea (covered by Lemberg) (Mr. R. Day)	460
Bay or br. filly foal by Somme Kiss—Theory (Mr. E. Barry)	200
Property of Sir Thomas Dixon.	
Darragh (3 yrs.) by Captivation—Latharna (Mr. J. McCall)	200
Property of Mr. James White.	
Royal Silver (3 yrs.) by Royal Canopy—Silver Rod (Mr. W. Larkin)	210
Jilburn (2 yrs.) by Kildare II. — Beppie (Mr. Widger)	75
Mares from the Petwick Stud Farm.	
Thelma (8 yrs.) by Thrush—Light of Love (covered by Polygnotus (Mr. R. Day)	175
Draft from Seven Barrows.	
Royal Wedding (3 yrs.) by Royal Canopy—Trousseau (Mr. E. Barry)	145
Hades (2 yrs.) by Roi Herode—Queen of the Earth (Mr. Steel)	700
Molette (2 yrs.) by Bachelor's Double—Rouelle (Mr. H. Kanter)	210
Canon Resy (2 yrs.), by Cannobie—Countess Resy (Mr. Ashmann)	140
Ch. colt (2 yrs.) by Glenesky — Glow (Colonel Peacock)	500
Westmead (4 yrs.) by William Rufus—Star of Eve (Mr. McCall)	1200
Property of Captain H. Whitworth.	
Iron Hand (7 yrs.), stallion, by Prince Palatine — Feronia (Mr. J. G. Broderick)	130

Total for the day—62,130 guineas.

DEATH OF MR. P. CULLINAN.

A SUCCESSFUL OWNER.

We regret to announce the death, which occurred yesterday morning at Carrolstown, Trim, of Mr. Patrick Cullinan, who was so prominently identified with racing and breeding. Up to a week ago Mr. Cullinan was in the enjoyment of his usual robust health, but on Saturday he had a paralytic seizure, from which he never recovered, and the suddenness of his passing will come as a shock to his many friends throughout the country.

Mr. Cullinan, who was extensively engaged in the cattle trade, inherited through his father-in-law, the late Mr. P. J. Dunne, the large and valuable property of Carrolstown, Trim, County Meath, and with that inheritance went a batch of successful brood mares, sires and racing stock. In coming into these possessions Mr. Cullinan engaged wholeheartedly in breeding and racing, and, first giving his allegiance to sport under Irish National Hunt Rules, he obtained a very considerable measure of success. Later he embarked on racing under Rules of Racing, at the same time maintaining his association with the sister code. He bred and owned many notable winners, and his policy was to sell his best winners when a suitable price was forthcoming. Thus during the past season he disposed of the high-class 'chaser, Tom Crow, to Mr. Eric Platt for £3,000, and some years previously he parted with Silver Dart, who was one of the best two mile 'chasers of her time, to an American sportsman.

The best of his performers, under the Rules of Racing, were Crowdennis, who made a big mark both here and in England; May Edgar, who won the Irish Oaks; Royal Weaver, a two-year-old of outstanding class, but subsequently very disappointing; Royal Hackle II., the best winner of his day in races for King's Plates; Athlone, a great sprinter, and Orb. This year, after Crowdennis had won a series of important races in England, Mr. Cullinan sold him at a long price to an Argentine breeder; but Orb, Royal Hackle II. and Athlone he retained to use as stallions, and May Edgar he kept for breeding. She has been successful, for several of her stock have won fair class races. Mr. Cullinan's jumpers were first trained by Mr. L. Hope, but on his demise they went to Mr. G. L. Walker, and subsequently to that gentleman's son, R. H. Walker, at Ballyvale Athboy. James Dunne was Mr. Cullinan's first trainer under Rules of Racing, but on Dunne's retirement his horses were entrusted to the care of John Doyle and J. J. Parkinson. H. S. Persse had charge of Mr. Cullinan's horses in England.

Mr. Cullinan topped the list of winning owners in Ireland in 1912, with ten winners of twenty races, worth £3,659; in 1913 he was third on the list, while in 1923 he was fifth, with a dozen winners of twenty-nine races, worth over £3,000. His winners during the past season were Crowdennis, Gate Book, Bright Land, Ivymount, The Gripper, Zara, Clybridge, Silver Hackle, Silver Somme, Tom Crow, Royal Edgar, Glantrague and John Denis.

A Galway man by birth, Mr. Cullinan had reached his 67th year, and he leaves a son to mourn his loss. The funeral takes place at 2 o'clock to-morrow, to Bective.

HUNTING.

HUNTING APPOINTMENTS.

THE WARD UNION.

Date—Dec.	Meet.	Hour.
Saturday, 15	9-mile Stone	1.30

THE MEATH.

To-day	Corbalton Fingerpost	11.0

THE KILDARE.

Saturday, 15	Betaghstown Cross-roads	11.0

THE MEATH HOUNDS.

Monday, 10th, Laracor—The first draw was Moneymore, and after some delay a fox broke, but only went a few fields before he got to ground. From Trotter's a fox ran to the western end of the Galtrim hills, where he was headed, and turning back right-handed made for Ginnett's before turning to the right again, and crossing the road into Dangan. Headed by a collie here, he turned back and re-entered the covert. Hounds hunted a line out in the direction of Laracor, but were finally beaten. Galtrim held, and the occupant, who was unenterprising, was soon killed. Curtistown was blank.

Tuesday, 11th, Dunboyne—Hamwood was blank, but Dolly's Grove supplied a fox who gave a short ring before going to ground. The Waringstown fox started as if for Vesington, but wheeled back right-handed, and was lost by the edge of Woodpark. Roanstown was full of foxes, but nothing much was done. Two foxes broke from Pelletstown at the same time, the hunted one starting as if for Drumree, but turned back before reaching the road. He then ran down to Parsonstown House, crossed the Batterstown road, and bore left-handed over Dirk's Double, and then left again, but hounds were stopped from re-entering the covert owing to darkness.

FINGAL HARRIERS.

Tuesday, 11th December—By invitation of Mr. T. O'Keefe Kinsella the meet was at Hollywoodrath House. Hounds moved off to draw Ballymacarney, which was blank, as also was Irishtown. Mabestown, however, redeemed the day with an outlying fox, hounds hunting nicely to the Ashbourne road, which they crossed, and racing over Mrs. Isdale's farm they made a point for Bullstown, then swinging to the right went through Greenogue, and over the Rath to Thornton Lodge, where the fox turned back sharp, and ran over the fruit farm, where many of the followers who had to keep to the road had him in full view. Running then parallel with the Ashbourne road for some distance he again evidently crossed it but all trace of him was lost. As it was now getting late, the Master decided not to draw any further.

WARD UNION HOUNDS.

These hounds will meet on Wednesday next at Flathouse, instead of Culmullen, and on Wednesday, December 26th, at Culmullen, instead of Flathouse.

Kill Harriers will not hunt to-day owing to the death of Mr. Patrick Cullinan.

THE BALLYMACAD HUNT BALL

Will be held at LOUGHCREW on JANUARY 7th, 1924. Mr. Manahan's Band (personally conducted). Mills's catering. Tickets from Captain Naper, Loughcrew, Oldcastle, £1 1/- to December 29th, after that £1 10/-.—(Advt.)

LAWN TENNIS.

VENUE OF COVERED COURTS CHAMPIONSHIP.

It is understood that Queen's Club are desirous of holding the Covered Courts Championships in the autumn, in conjunction with the London Covered Courts Championships, instead of in the spring. It is the direct result of the competition of the Riviera season, which has been extended since the war. If the sanction of the L.T.A. is obtained the Covered Courts Championships, which were instituted in 1885, will be played for at the end of the season, instead of at the beginning.

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FINE WINES OF QUALITY

SELECTIONS FOR TO-DAY'S HURST PARK MEETING

PAPER.	1.0 RACE.	1.30 RACE.	2.0 RACE.	2.30 RACE.	3.0 RACE.	3.30 RACE.
Sportsman	Marchesi.	Mebos.	Redhill.*	Drinmond.	Mitchells.	The Red Knight.
Man on the Spot	Hard Nail.	Young Heroine.	Cavalier.	Shaun Spadah.	Mitchells.	Devonport.
Sporting Life	Loch Allen.	Spicey.	Perry Hill.	Halston.	Mitchells.*	Devonport.
Man on the Spot	Maxtoi.	Spicey.	Redhill.*	Shaun Spadah.	Civic Guard.	Devonport.
Westminster Gazette	Pacifist.	Spicey.	Redhill.	Shaun Spadah.	Civic Guard.	The Red Knight.
Daily News	Hard Nail.	Dominican.	Cavalier.	Shaun Spadah.	Civic Guard.	The Red Knight.*
Daily Chronicle	Maxtoi; if ab., Silken Prince.	Moseley.	Redhill.	Catamaran.	Mitchells.*	The Red Knight.
Daily Express	Silken Prince; if ab., Pacifist.	Young Heroine.	Redhill.*	Shaun Spadah; if ab., Templebar.	Mitchells (next best).	Devonport.
Daily Mirror	Marchesi.	Moseley.	Belgian Boy.	Gem.	Mitchells.	Devonport.
Daily Graphic	Marchesi.	Royal Sport.	High Force.	Catamaran.	Civic Guard.*	The Red Knight.
Star	Silken Prince.	Sundrop.	Redhill.*	Sir Huon.	Mitchells.	The Red Knight.
Evening News	Pacifist.	Spicey.	Redhill.*	Shaun Spadah.	Mitchells.	Devonport.*
Evening Standard	Pacifist.	Dominican.	Redhill.	Sir Huon.	Mitchells.	The Red Knight.
Times	Marchesi; if ab., Silken Prince.	Spicey.	Santavon.	Sir Huon.	Civic Guard; if ab., Tara Hill.	The Red Knight.
Daily Mail	Welton.	Moseley.	Cavalier.	Mask Man.	Civic Guard.	Devonport.

FINANC[...]

IRISH ST[...] EXCHANG[...]

DUBLIN[...]

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In Banks, Bank of Ireland [...] to 246½, and Hibernians repeat[...]

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In Trams, Dublin United [...] 6 11/16, but the Pref. fell 1/16 to 9 1/16[...]

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In Bakery Shares, Johnston[...] realised 57s. 6d.

Among Drapery Shares, Ar[...] 6d. to 97s. 6d., but Switzer Ord[...] to 80s., and the Pref. Shares [...] 80s. also.

Manufacturing Shares were [...] British-American Tobacco fe[...] 105s. 7½d., and Imperials 3d[...] Coats improved 9d. to 63s. 4½d[...] Calicos were bid up to 31s. or [...] getting any shares. Lever Bros[...] improved 1½d. to 21s. 1½d., an[...] Pref. 3d. to 21s. 6d., 21s. 7½d[...] Tomkins remain weak and on off[...] 9d. under last marking.

In Miscellaneous Securities th[...] the strength of *Irish Times* 1st [...] rose 3s. 6d. further to 67s. 6d[...] ceptional lot. Hibernian Fire [...] steady at 4s. 1½d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL S[...]

Transactions for cash marke[...]

Consols ....(55¾) 56 1/16 | Dublin Tr[...]
5% War Ln.(100¼) 100 1/16 ¼ 1/16 | Do. Pref.[...]
Do. Dced....(100¼) 100 | Parent De[...] Do. Pref.[...]
Funding Ln..(88½) 88 7/8 | Johnston [...]
4% War Bonds '28...100 |
5% War Bonds '24..104½ | Arnott Ord[...]
5% War Bonds '28..105½ | Switzer Or[...]
5½% Treas. Bds.'29..103½ | Do. Pref[...]
Guar. Land......(57) 57 | B.A.T. [...]
India 3½% .....(x.d.) 66½ | Imp. Tob. [...]
Dublin Stock.....(66) 66c | Coats [...]
Bank of Ireland (246) 246½c | Lever 7% [...]
Hibernian ....(6½) 6½ | Do. 8% [...]
Guinness ......(37¾) 37⅞ | Thwaites [...]
G.N. Ord..........(61½) 61½ |
Do. Pref..........(64) 63a | Hibernian [...]
Do. Guar.....(66½) 66½b |
Do. Deb..........(71) 71 | Irish Time[...]
G.S.W. Ord...(45½) 45½ |
Do. Pref.........(57) *57 | Radio Com[...]
Do. Deb.........(69½) 70 | Do. Pref.[...]
D.S.E. Pf..(45) 45b 45¼a |

* Odd lot; b bid; a ask[...] (Last business done given in pa[...]

IRISH BANKS' RATE[...]

Discount .... 5 p.c. 5th J[...]
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STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLE[...]

Mining contango day .... Dec. [...]
General contango day ... Dec. [...]
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BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was dull, and [...] lower. War Loan declined ¼ to 10[...] teed 3 p.c. Stock drooped ¼ to 6[...] Bank A repeated 5¾; the B share[...] at 2¾. Belfast Corporation 3½ [...] brought 87, the 1940 Stock decli[...] Great Northern Railway stock fe[...] the 4 p.c. Deb. repeated 71. In[...] Ord. unchanged at 51s. Briti[...] Tobacco brought 105s. 6d. Dun[...] repeated 8s. Great Southern a[...] Railway Deb. 70.

DIVIDENDS AND RE[...]

EDWARD AND JOHN BURKE.—[...] their meeting yesterday declared inte[...] for the half-year to 31st October last [...] 6 per cent. per annum on the Prefe[...] and at the rate of 6 per cent. per a[...] Ordinary Shares, both less income t[...] the £. Dividend on the Ordinary S[...] half-year to October, 1922, was at t[...] per cent. per annum. Dividends will b[...] 1st January, 1924.

ASSAM RAILWAYS AND TRADI[...] following dividends declared:—"A" [...] rate of 8 per cent. per annum for [...] ended 30th June; on Pre-Preference [...] at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum [...] year ended 31st December; on new 6 p[...] Shares at the rate of 6 per cent. p[...] the half-year ended 31st December, 1[...]

ASSOCIATED TEA ESTATES OF [...] Interim dividend of 7½ per cent. on [...] Shares on account of the year ending [...] 1924, less tax.

BALDWINS.—The directors record[...] the resignation, through ill-health, o[...] Evan Thomas, which vacancy has b[...] the appointment of Colonel A. S. W. [...] been associated with the company for [...] and is a son of the late Mr. S. L. Do[...] original directors of the company. T[...] on the 5½ per cent. and 5 per cent. (f[...] to 6/- in the £) Pref. Share capital [...] ended 30th June, 1923, have been p[...] In the special circumstances of the [...] and the uncertain conditions of trade [...] regret they are unable to recommend th[...] any dividend on the Ordinary Share[...]

BRADBURY, GREATOREX AND C[...] on the Pref. or "A" Shares at the r[...] cent. per annum.

BRAKPAN MINES.—Dividend of 2[...] (equivalent to 4/6 per share), less tax[...] per share last two half-years.

CADENA CAFES.—Final dividend [...] cent. on Ordinary and Employé Shares[...] per cent. for the year.

CLEVELAND BRIDGE AND ENG[...] —Further dividend of 7½ per cent., fr[...] Ordinary, making 10 per cent. for the [...]

COLONIAL PROPERTY AND R[...] (in liquidation).—Final distribution of 1[...] was payable on the 12th December, ma[...] return of 8/6 per 7/- share.

EOEI BESI MINES.—Third interim[...] 1/- per share, less tax.

GRAND JUNCTION CANAL.—Inte[...] at rate of 3½ per cent. per annum, les[...]

HALLAMSHIRE COAL SUPPLIES.[...] dend of 1d. per 1/- share, free of tax.

HENRY FAULDER AND CO.—Inte[...] of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary.

KEPONG (MALAY) RUBBER.—Inte[...] for the current year of 4 per cent., less[...]

KHEDIVIAL MAIL STEAMSHIP.—[...] 1/- per share, less tax.

LIPTON.—Interim dividend for the[...] year on the Ordinary Shares at the ra[...] cent. per annum, 4 per cent. actual (s[...] year).

MEXICAN PETROLEUM CO.—Re[...] dends of 4 per cent. actual on the Co[...] and 2 per cent. actual on the Prefd. S[...]

MILNERS SAFE CO.—Interim divid[...] rate of 2½ per cent., less tax.

NEW VAAL RIVER DIAMOND.—D[...] per cent.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND ME[...] AGENCY.—Dividend of 4 per cent., fre[...] the Ordinary Stock.

OHLSSONS CAPE BREWERIES.—I[...] dend on Ordinary Shares of 2½ per cen[...]

PALMERS SHIPBUILDING AND I[...] Report states that the widespread d[...] industry which prevailed throughout th[...] the period under review, affected to a [...] the operations of all departments, whic[...] seriously restricted by Labour disputes[...] ticularly in the shipbuilding and engine[...] Though the shipyards and engine work[...] fairly well employed in the intervals o[...] peace, the ship repair works and the ir[...] works have felt most severely the eff[...] general adverse conditions of trade. Th[...] steel works have in consequence been pra[...] since the national stoppage of the coal[...] March, 1921, and are now completely [...] a revival of trade. The director[...] have to state that the war taxation fi[...] company and its subsidiaries have no[...] settled with the Inland Revenue aut[...] this is expected to be concluded at an [...] Under these circumstances no question [...] of a dividend can arise. The director[...] propose that £75,217 18/1 be carried[...]

PAN-AMERICAN PETROLEUM A[...] SPORT.—Quarterly dividends declared of[...] actual on the Common "A" and "B" [...] share.

PARI TIN.—First interim dividend [...]

RAND SELECTION CORPORATION[...] of 30 per cent. (equivalent to 6/- per sha[...] 4/6 per share in June last and 2/6 pe[...] December.

RECKITT AND SONS.—Interim divi[...] per share, less tax, on Ordinary.

RIO CLARO RAILWAY AND INVE[...] Final dividend of 3½ per cent., less (a[...] per share last two half-years.

SIR W. H. TRICKETT.—Profit £[...] £5,476 brought in; to reserve, £2,00[...] dividend on Ordinary and Employé[...]

FINANCIAL NEWS AND NOTES.

IRISH STOCK EXCHANGES.

DUBLIN.

FUNDS RELAPSE. BANK STOCK, GUINNESS, AND TEXTILES ALL HIGHER. TOBACCOS AND PARENT TYRES LOWER.

Business was quieter on 'Change, with irregular price fluctuations. The Funds lost the restored resiliency of the past few days, and prices in leading issues quoted relapsed. Banks were idle, but steady, with some demand for Bank of Ireland Stock at a recovery. Guinness Ord. Shares were a further fraction higher, but the market was fully supplied. Marconi Shares were marked ex the final dividend for 1922. Radio Shares were easier. Home Rails were not much altered, and presented no feature. Parent Tyre Pref. and Def. relapsed, and Dunlop Rubber Ord. Shares were unofficially weaker. Switzer Ord. were in demand, and improved considerably. Tobacco Shares were weaker. Thwaites Ord. more than recovered the final dividend and bonus. Coats were much better, and Calico remain in persistent demand at or over last price. *Irish Times* Pref. advanced several shillings a share.

British Funds weakened considerably. Consols relapsed 1/16 to 56 1/16, War Loan 5 p.c. 1/16 to 100 1/16 ⅛ 1/16, ditto by deed ½ to 100, and Funding Loan ¾ to 88 87⅞, while Guaranteed 2¾ p.c. Land Stock realised 57, and India 3½ p.c. 66½. Dublin Corporation 3½ p.c. Stock repeated 66.

In Banks, Bank of Ireland Stock rose ½ to 246½, and Hibernians repeated 6¾.

Dealing in Breweries was confined to Guinness Ord., which rose 1/16 to 37⅞, while Distillers Pref. were again called 66s. 6d. to 68s. nominally.

Radio Common fell 3d. to 18s., and the Prefd. 3d. to 17s. 3d. for odd lots.

As regards Home Railways, Great Northern fell ½ to 61½, but the Debs. repeated 71, while the Pref. were on sale at 63, or 1 under last marking, and the Guaranteed Stock was still bid for at 66½. Great Southern Ord. repeated 45½, and the Pref. 57, while the Deb. Stock rose ⅞ to 70. Midland Great Western issues did not quote.

In Trams, Dublin United Ord. repeated 6 11/16, but the Pref. fell 1/16 to 9 1/16.

Parent Tyre Def. fell back 1s. 6d. to 24s. 6d., and the Pref. 7½d. to 12s. 6d.

In Bakery Shares, Johnston Ord. again realised 57s. 6d.

Among Drapery Shares, Arnott Ord. fell 6d. to 97s. 6d., but Switzer Ord. rose 5s. 6d. to 80s., and the Pref. Shares again realised 80s. also.

Manufacturing Shares were very quiet. British-American Tobacco fell 10½d. to 105s. 7½d., and Imperials 3d. to 70s. 9d. Coats improved 9d. to 63s. 4½d. buyers, and Calicos were bid up to 31s. or over without getting any shares. Lever Bros. 8 p.c. Pref. improved 1½d. to 21s. 1½d., and the 7 p.c. Pref. 3d. to 21s. 6d., 21s. 7½d., but White Tomkins remain weak and on offer at 24s., or 9d. under last marking.

In Miscellaneous Securities the feature was the strength of *Irish Times* 1st Pref., which rose 3s. 6d. further to 67s. 6d. for an exceptional lot. Hibernian Fire Shares were steady at 4s. 1½d.

BUSINESS DONE AT ALL SESSIONS.
Transactions for cash marked "c."

Consols	......(55¼) 56 1/16	Dublin Trams	....(6½) 6½
5% War Ln.	(100⅛) 100 1/16 ⅛ 1/16	Do. Pref.	......(9¼) 9 1/16
Do. Deed	....(100¼) 100	Parent Def.	....(26/-) 24/6
Funding Ln.	..(88⅛) 88 7⅞	Do. Pref.	....(12/9) 12/6
4% War Bonds '28	...100	Johnston Mooney	
5% War Bonds '24	..104⅞		(57/6) 57/6
5% War Bonds '28	..105⅛	Arnott Ord.	....(98/-) 97/6
5½% Treas. Bds.' 29	..103⅛	Switzer Ord.	...(74/6) 80/-
Guar. Land	......(57) 57	Do. Pref.	......(80/-) 80/-
India 3½%	......(x.d.) 66½	B.A.T.	...(106/6) 105/7½
Dublin Stock	......(66) 66c	Imp. Tob.	....(70/6) 70/9
Bank of Ireland		Coats	.......(62/7½) *63/4½
	(246) 246½c	Lever 7%	...(21/4½) 21/6 1/7½
Hibernian	.......(6¾) 6¾	Do. 8%	....(21/-) 21/1½
Guinness	......(37⅛) 37⅞	Thwaites	....(85/-) 80/7½ x.d. & b.
G.N. Ord.	.......(61½) 61½	Hibernian Fire	
Do. Pref.	......(64) 63a		(4/1½) 4/1½
Do. Guar.	...(66½) 66½b	*Irish Times* 1st	
Do. Deb.	......(71) 71		(64/-) *67/6
G.S.W. Ord.	...(45½) 45½	Radio Com.	..(18/3) *18/-
Do. Pref.	......(57) *57	Do. Pref.	...(17/6) *17/3
Do. Deb.	......(69⅛) 70		
D.S.E. Pf.	..(45) 45b 45½a		

* Odd lot; b bid; a asked.
(Last business done given in parentheses.)

IRISH BANKS' RATE.

Discount	5 p.c. 5th July, 1923.
Deposit	2 p.c. 5th July, 1923.

STOCK EXCHANGE SETTLEMENTS.

Mining contango day	Dec. 21	Jan. 7
General contango day	Dec. 24	Jan. 8
Ticket day	Dec. 27	Jan. 9
Account day	Dec. 28	Jan. 10

BELFAST.

Belfast Exchange was dull, and prices were lower. War Loan declined ¼ to 100¼, Guaranteed 3 p.c. Stock drooped ⅛ to 63, Northern Bank A repeated 5⅞; the B shares unchanged at 2⅞. Belfast Corporation 3½ p.c., 1928, brought 87, the 1940 Stock declined 2 to 76. Great Northern Railway stock fell ½ to 61, the 4 p.c. Deb. repeated 71. Inglis and Co. Ord. unchanged at 51s. British-American Tobacco brought 105s. 6d. Dunlop Rubber repeated 8s. Great Southern and Western Railway Deb. 70.

DIVIDENDS AND REPORTS.

EDWARD AND JOHN BURKE.—The Board at their meeting yesterday declared interim dividends for the half-year to 31st October last at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Preference Shares, and at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum on the Ordinary Shares, both less income tax at 5/- in the £. Dividend on the Ordinary Shares for the half-year to October, 1922, was at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum. Dividends will be paid on the 1st January, 1924.

ASSAM RAILWAYS AND TRADING CO.—The following dividends declared:—"A" Stock at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended 30th June; on Pre-Preference "A" Shares at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended 31st December; on new 6 per cent. Pref. Shares at the rate of 6 per cent. per annum for the half-year ended 31st December, 1923.

ASSOCIATED TEA ESTATES OF CEYLON.—Interim dividend of 7½ per cent. on the Ordinary Shares on account of the year ending 30th June, 1924, less tax.

BALDWINS.—The directors record with regret the resignation, through ill-health, of Mr. E. L. Evan Thomas, which vacancy has been filled by the appointment of Colonel A. S. W. Dore, who has been associated with the company for many years, and is a son of the late Mr. S. L. Dore, one of the original directors of the company. The dividends on the 5½ per cent. and 5 per cent. (free of tax up to 6/- in the £) Pref. Share capital for the year ended 30th June, 1923, have been paid as usual. In the special circumstances of the present time, and the uncertain conditions of trade the directors regret they are unable to recommend the payment of any dividend on the Ordinary Share capital.

BRADBURY, GREATOREX AND CO.—Dividend on the Pref. or "A" Shares at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum.

BRAKPAN MINES.—Dividend of 22½ per cent. (equivalent to 4/6 per share), less tax, against 4/- per share last two half-years.

CADENA CAFES.—Final dividend of 12½ per cent. on Ordinary and Employé Shares, making 20 per cent. for the year.

CLEVELAND BRIDGE AND ENGINEERING.—Further dividend of 7½ per cent., free of tax, on Ordinary, making 10 per cent. for the year.

COLONIAL PROPERTY AND RUBBER CO. (in liquidation).—Final distribution of 1/6 per share was payable on the 12th December, making a total return of 8/6 per 7/- share.

EGEI BESI MINES.—Third interim dividend of 1/- per share, less tax.

GRAND JUNCTION CANAL.—Interim dividend at rate of 3½ per cent. per annum, less tax.

HALLAMSHIRE COAL SUPPLIES.—Final dividend of 1d. per 1/- share, free of tax.

HENRY FAULDER AND CO.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary.

KEPONG (MALAY) RUBBER.—Interim dividend for the current year of 4 per cent., less tax.

KHEDIVIAL MAIL STEAMSHIP.—Dividend of 1/- per share, less tax.

LIPTON.—Interim dividend for the past half-year on the Ordinary Shares at the rate of 8 per cent. per annum, 4 per cent. actual (same as last year).

MEXICAN PETROLEUM CO.—Regular dividends of 4 per cent. actual on the Common Stock, and 2 per cent. actual on the Prefd. Stock.

MILNERS SAFE CO.—Interim dividend at the rate of 2½ per cent., less tax.

NEW VAAL RIVER DIAMOND.—Dividend of 5 per cent.

NEW ZEALAND LOAN AND MERCANTILE AGENCY.—Dividend of 4 per cent., free of tax, on the Ordinary Stock.

OHLSSONS CAPE BREWERIES.—Interim dividend on Ordinary Shares of 2½ per cent., less tax.

PALMERS SHIPBUILDING AND IRON CO.—Report states that the widespread depression in industry which prevailed throughout the whole of the period under review, affected to a large extent the operations of all departments, which were also seriously restricted by Labour disputes. more particularly in the shipbuilding and engineering trades. Though the shipyards and engine works have been fairly well employed in the intervals of industrial peace, the ship repair works and the iron and steel works have felt most severely the effects of the general adverse conditions of trade. The iron and steel works have in consequence been practically idle since the national stoppage of the coal industry in March, 1921, and are now completely closed pending a revival of trade. The directors regret to have to state that the war taxation figures of the company and its subsidiaries have not yet been settled with the Inland Revenue authorities, but this is expected to be concluded at an early date. Under these circumstances no question of payment of a dividend can arise. The directors, therefore, propose that £75,217 18/1 be carried forward.

PAN-AMERICAN PETROLEUM AND TRANSPORT.—Quarterly dividends declared of 4 per cent. actual on the Common "A" and "B" Stock.

PARI TIN.—First interim dividend of 3d. per share.

RAND SELECTION CORPORATION.—Dividend of 30 per cent. (equivalent to 6/- per share), against 4/6 per share in June last and 2/6 per share last December.

RECKITT AND SONS.—Interim dividend of 9d. per share, less tax, on Ordinary.

RIO CLARO RAILWAY AND INVESTMENT.—Final dividend of 3½ per cent., less tax.

SIR W. H. TRICKETT.—Profit £35,353, and £9,476 brought in; to reserve, £2,000. Final dividend on Ordinary and Employés' Shares of 7½ per cent., making 10 per cent. for year; forward, £2,052.

SPRINGS MINES.—Dividend of 17½ per cent. (equivalent to 3/6 per share), compared with 2/6 last June.

TRONOH MINES.—Third interim dividend of 1/- per share, less tax.

UNION STEAMSHIP OF NEW ZEALAND.—Dividend of 5 per cent. actual on Ordinary, less tax.

WYMAN AND SONS.—Interim dividend of 5 per cent., less tax, on Ordinary.

LONDON STOCKS DULL.

A WEAK CLOSE.

The Stock Markets were dull and heavy from the commencement of business yesterday, and there was a fair amount of scattered liquidation, brought about, it was concluded, by the rather uncertain political outlook and the renewed weakness of the foreign exchanges. A few bright spots existed, but they were not of great importance, and the close was weak. In the gilt-edged market British Funds lacked support, and prices declined slightly. Consols at 56 fell ⅛; Funding Loan lost ⅛ at 88. The Conversion Loan at 76½ also dropped ⅛. India 3 p.c. at 56½ and the 5½ p.c. at 102½ both fell ⅛. Local Loans fell ⅛ to 65.

FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES were rather uncertain and changes were mixed. Japan New Fives gained a point at 84; San Paulo also advanced a point to 109. Egyptian Unified at 73 rose ⅛. French Fives were heavy in sympathy with the franc and fell ⅛ to 25. Mexicans further declined, the 5 p.c. Pref. at 56½ and the 6 p.c. Pref. at 66½ both losing a point. Peruvian Corporation Debs. fell ½ to 93.

HOME RAILS were depressed again and falls were general. Great Westerns lost a point to 110¼ and London Midland and Scottish Ord. a point to 104½. Metropolitans fell 1 to 74, Districts ⅛ to 55¼, and Underground Electrics ⅛ to 3¼. London North-Eastern Defd-Ord. at 32⅞ lost ⅛. In Southerns the Defd-Ord. fell ½ to 39½ and the "A" Stock ⅛ to 35⅛.

"Canpacs" gained a point to 166 in COLONIAL and FOREIGN RAILWAYS. Argentines were quiet, but Pacifics at 73½ and Centrals at 68 both rose ½. Grand Trunk Guaranteed was 80 x.d., while the Pacific Debs. rose 2 to 50½.

OIL SHARES EASIER.

SHELLS FALL SHARPLY.

Although Oil shares made a fairly steady start yesterday, the market developed an easier tendency as the day proceeded, in sympathy with most other departments of the House, which were influenced by the home political situation and the weakness of foreign exchanges. Although lower prices were general at the close, it was only in a few cases that any real selling pressure was encountered. Bear operators took advantage of the prevailing conditions to sell a few specialities, including Shells, which gave way rather sharply. Royal Dutch, although not pressed for sale to any great extent, also moved down. Mexican Eagles came on offer from Paris, and also on local account, on the receipt of further news regarding the Filisola well. An all-round decline occurred among the Anglo-Persian issues, and bear operations were discernible in the Ordinary shares. Burmahs slipped back. A moderate amount of selling sufficed to lower the price of V.O.C. Holdings and the British Controlled issues also gave way. The monthly report of the British Controlled Oilfields should be available in a few days' time, and, in view of the developments during November, should make interesting reading. Although little selling pressure was encountered, Trinidad issues weakened, and an easier tendency also characterised Rumanians, Phoenix Oils giving way sharply. Transactions in other directions were of little importance, but the prices of several of the more speculative favourites were easier. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.				
3/-	Agwi Petroleum	¼	3/16	— 1/16
3⅛	Anglo-American	3⅝	3½	+ 1/16
1⅛	Anglo-Ecuadorian	1⅛	1⅛ xr	— 1/16
1	Anglo-Egyptian "B"	1	1/16	
22/0	Anglo-Persian 8 p.c.	20/7½	21/1½	— 0/3
22/6	Do. 9 p.c. 2nd Pref.	21/7½	22/1½	— 0/1½
2⅛	Do. Ord., issued 3½ p.c.	2⅛	2⅝	
90	Do. 5 p.c. Deb.	88	90	— 1
2⅜	Apex Trinidad	2 3/16	2 5/16	— ⅛
11/0	Brit. Borneo Pet. (10/-)	½	15/32	— ⅛
6/9	British Burmah (8/-)	6/3	7/	
5/3	British Controlled	4/9	5/0	— 0/7½
6/3	Do. Pref.	5/9	6/0	— 0/7½
4⅜	Burmah	4⅛	4 3/16	— ⅛
24/0	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	23/7½	24/1½	
1/9	Caltex	1/6	1/9	
13/6	Dacia Romano	¾	⅞	
5⅛	Eagle Transport	5	5⅛	
102½	Do. 7 p.c. Notes	102	103	
103½	Do. Bearer	103	104	
4/4½	General Pet. Trinidad A.	4/0	4/6	— 0/3
—	Indo Burmah	0/3	0/9	— 0/3
15/3	Kern River (10/-)	14/7½	15/1½	— 0/3
—	Lobitos	6⅛	6¼	— ⅛
20/7½	Mexican Eagle	19/7½	20/1½	— 1/3
20/7½	Do. Pref.	19/6	20/0	— 1/0
13/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	13/3	13/9	— 0/1½
—	North Caucasian (10/-)	½	⅝	
—	Oilfields Egypt	1/0	1/6	
2/6	Peru Syndicate	2/0	3/0	
16/3	Phoenix	15/0	16/3	— 1/0
—	Premier Oil	2/0	2/6	
—	Rumanian Consolidated	11/9	12/3	
33⅛	Royal Dutch	34	34½	— ⅜
/10½	Scottish American	0/9	1/0	
3⅞	Shell Transport	3⅝	3¾	— ⅛
	Do. 5 p.c. Pref. (£10)	9½	9⅝	
23/7½	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	23/0	23 6	
2/3	Spies (10/-)	2/3	2/9	
7/3	Steaua Romana	6/9	7/3	— 0/6
5/0	Tankers Pref.	4/9	5/3	
—	Trinidad Central	1	1⅛	
1⅛	Trinidad Lease	1⅛	1 3/16	— 1/16
8/10½	United Brit. Trinidad	6/6	7/0	— 0/1½
—	Ural Caspian	⅛	¼	
4/0	Urox Oil	3/9	4/3	
1⅝	V.O.C. Holdings	1 9/16	1 11/16	— ⅛
1⅛	Do. 7 p.c. Pref.	1 1/16	1⅛	— ⅛

RUBBER SHARES LOWER.

The Rubber Share market was not very active yesterday, and prices showed a tendency to fall all round. Here and there a small gain was recorded, but generally it was the other way. Tandjong fell 2s. 6d. to 30s. x.d., Highlands at 32s. 6d. lost 1s. 10½d., Tamiang lost 1s. 8½d. at 25s. 3½d., Bah Lias dropped 1s. 3d. to 28s. 9d., Golden Hope fell 1s. to 20s. 6d., and Telogoredjo 1s. 3d. to 37s. 6d. The price of rubber fell to 14d. per lb. Closing prices:—

M.U. Dec. 11.				
36/0	Anglo-Dutch	35/3	— 0/9	
2/6	Anglo-Java	2/6	— 0/1	
21/9	Anglo-Malay	21/4½	— 0/1½	
4/4½	Bertam Cons.	4/1½	— 0/1½	
2/10½	Bukit Mertajam	2/10		
1/7½	Bukit Sembawang	1/7		
15	Damansara	14/4½		
19/0	Grand Central	18/6		
1⅛	Highlands	32/6	— 1/10½	
2/0	Kamuning	2/6¾	— 0/2½	
4/4½	Kepong	4/4½		
1⅛	Kuala Lumpur	35/0*		
1⅜	Labu	27/10½		
1⅛	Linggi	30/7½	— 0/3	
3/7½	London-Asiatic	3/6	— 0/1½	
1⅛	Malacca	32/6		
24/4½	Malayalam	23/3	— 0/1½	
2/9	Merlimau	2/3		
1	Moopiy Valley	19/0	— 0/6	
2/4½	Port Dickson	2/1½	— 0/1½	
26/0	Rubber Trust	25/9	— 0/3	
15	Seafield	14/6		
1⅛	Senadyan	35/0		
1⅛	Sialang	31/3	— 0/9	
19/6	Straits Rubber	19/6		
21/6	Tali Ayer	21/10½		
1⅛	Tandjong	30/0*	— 2/6	
3/3	Un. Serdang	3/1½	— 0/1½	
3⅛	United Sua Betong	64/0¾		
11/6	Vallambrosa	11/3	— 0/3	

Anglo-Sum.	10/3		N. Hummock	18/7½	— 0/1½
Bah Lias	28/9	— 1/3	P.P.K.(C'yl'n)	19/6	+ 0/6
Batu Tiga	36/3		Pataling	18/10½	
B.N.B.R.Trst	10/0		Pilmoor	17/3	+ 0/3
Brieh	1/7		Rim Malacca	3/0	
Bukit Cloh	4/6		Rub.E.Johore	22/7½	
Bukit Rajah	21/9		Sapong	20/10½	— 0/3
Castlefield	4/9		Sapumalk'de.	20/3	
Cheviot	2/10½		Selangor	4/3	
Cicely	4/6		SerdangC'nt'l	24/6	
Eastern Trust	15/9	— 0/3	Soember Ajoe	1/9	
Gen.Ceylon	33/10½		Sumatra Con.	21/9	
Glenbervie	27/3		Sungei Buaya	29/4½	
Golden Hope	2/6*	— 1/0	Sungei Choh	16/3	
Java Amal.	23/9		Sungei Kapar.	3/10½	
Kapar Para	20/9		Sungei Kr. Pf.	35/0	
Kasintoe	19/9		Taiping	1/6	
Kepitigalla	7/7½		Tebrau	30/10½	
Kombok	2/4½		Telogoredjo	37/6	— 1/3
Langkat Sum	27/6		Tempeh	6/9	
Ledbury	26/3		Un. Temiang	2/9½	
Manch'ter N B	20/0		Yam Seng	2/0	
Membakut	10/0	— 0/6			

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TRAFFICS.

Egyptian Markets—Week to December 6—Increase £1,977; Argentine North-Eastern Railway—Week to December 8—Increase £1,400; Entre Rios Railways—Week to December 8—Increase £3,900. Buenos Ayres and Pacific Railway—Week to December 8—Decrease £17,000; Central Argentine Railway—Week to December 8—Decrease £8,000. Buenos Ayres Western Railway—Week to December 8—Net decrease £4,000; Leopoldina Railway—Week to December 8—Decrease £4,310; Buenos Ayres Great Southern Railway—Week to December 8—Net increase £10,000; United Railways of Havana—Week to December 8—Increase £10,421; Rangoon Electric Tramway—September net increase—Rs.17,100; Metropolitan Railway—Week to December 8—£35,596; Anglo-Argentine Tramways—Week to December 9—Decrease £3,605; Canadian National Railways—October net earnings—Increase 1,867,774 dollars; week to December 7—Gross increase 331,350 dollars; Lima Light, Power, and Tramways—September net increase—£9,653; Central Uruguay Railway—Week to December 8—Increase £1,[illegible]; Central Uruguay Eastern Extension—Week to December 8—Decrease £255; Central Uruguay Northern Extension—Week to December 8—Increase £[illegible]; Central Uruguay Western Extension—Week to December 8—Decrease £216; Antofagasta and Bolivia Railway—Week to December 9—Increase £11,100; London and North-Eastern Railway—Week to December 8—Decrease £141,000; Mersey Railway—Week to December 8—£4,488. Great Western Railway—Week to December 9—£532,000; Southern Railway—Week to December 9—£375,100; London, Midland and Scottish—Week to December 8—£1,350,000. Underground Electric Railway—Week ended December 8—Decrease £7,550; London and Suburban Traction Group—Decrease £6,065.

CLOSING PRICES.

The quotations in the following tables were made up at an earlier hour than, and may, therefore vary to some extent from, those given in or comments:—

CONSOLS, ETC.

Consols	55⅞-56⅛ — ⅛	3½% Conv.Ln.	76-76½ — ⅛
War Ln.5%	99⅞-99⅞	Irish Lnd 2¾%	57-58*
do. 4½%	97-98	India 3%	56-57 —
do. 5%	100-100¼	do. 3½%	66-67 —
do. 4% (Tax free)	100-101	do. 5½%	102-103 — ½
Fund'g L'n	87⅞-88⅛ — ½	do. 7%	114-116
Victory Bds.	91-92	Local Loans	64½-65½ — ½
		Sudan 5½ p.c.	107-109*

COLONIAL GOVERNMENT STOCKS.

Alberta 4½ 1943	92-94	Nigeria 6%	111-113*
Aust.Com.5½%	99-101	Q'sland 4 1940-50	81-3
do. 5%	104-106	do. 4½ 1920-5	97-99
Brit.Col. 4½ 1941	91-93*	do. 5% 1930-40	103-5
Canada 4%	88-90	S. Africa 4% Cns	87-89
do. 4½ 1922-8	98½-100½	do. 6%	104-106
Cape 3½ Cons.	76-80*	S.A'stral'a4 '40-60	85-87*
Ceylon 6%	105-7*	do. 5½%	100-102
Natal 3½ '34	91-93	do. 6½%	106-8
N.S.W.4½ 1922-7	96-98*	Victoria 4 1940-60	87-89
do. 5½ 1922-7	98-101*	do. 5½% 1923-5	100-2*
do. 5½% 1922-32	99-101*	W.Aust'a 4% (2-62	85-87*
do. 5½% 1930-40	104-6	do. 5½% 1930-40	102-104
N.Zeal'd 4 '29	93-94		

AMERICAN RAILS.

M.U. Dec. 11.				
—	Atchison	110	112	
—	Baltimore	67	69	
—	Chesapeake	79	81*	
—	Chicago Milwaukee	14	16	
24⅛	Erie	23⅝	24⅝	
—	Do. 1st Pref.	32	34	
—	New York, Ontario	18	20	
43	Southern Common	41	43	
—	Do. Pref.	77	78	
—	Southern Pacific	100	102*	
—	Union Pacific	145	147	+ 1

BRITISH RAILS.

110⅜	Great Western	110	111	— 1
105	Ldn., Mid. & Scot. Ord.	104	105	— 1
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref.	80	82	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Red. Pref.	97	100	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pref.	98	101	
—	Do. 4 p.c. Pref. 1923	79	81	
86⅜	Ldn. North-East. 5 p.c. Pref. Ord.	86	87	
33⅛	Do. Def. Ord.	32⅞	33	— ⅛
—	Do. 4 p.c. 1st Pref.	80	82	
—	Do. 4 p.c. 2nd Pref.	79	81	
74⅜	Metropolitan	73⅜	74⅜	— 1
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	98	101	
56	Do. District	55	56	— ⅛
86	Southern Pref. Ord.	85⅛	86⅛	
40	Do. Def. Ord.	39	40	— ⅛
36	Do. "A"	35	36	— ⅛
12	Do. "B"	11⅛	12⅛	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	99	101	
—	Do. 5 p.c. Red. Pf. 1924	97	100	
3⅜	Underground Electric	3	3⅛	— ⅛
100⅛	Do. Income Bonds	100	102	
103	Do. 6 p.c. Debs.	104	106*	

COLONIAL AND FOREIGN RAILS.

87	Antofagasta	86	88	
—	Argentine G.W. Ord.	71	73*	
—	Bahia Blanca	78⅛	80⅛	
—	Brazil Railway Common	⅛	1⅛	
80⅛	Buenos Ayres Gt. S.	80⅛	82⅛	
72	Buenos Ayres and Pacific	72⅛	74⅛	+ ⅛
72	Buenos Ayres and W.	72	74	
166	Canadian Pacific	165	167	+ 1
67	Central Argentine	67	69	+ ⅛
42	Central Uruguay	43	45	
—	Entre Rios	16⅛	18⅛	
—	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	67	69	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Guar.	79	81*	
—	Grand Trunk 4 p.c. Deb.	49	52	+ 2
—	Do. 4 p.c. Perp. Deb.	79	81*	
20⅛	Leopoldina	20	22	
9⅛	Mexican Rails	9	10	
27⅛	Do. 8 p.c. Pref.	26	28	
17⅛	Do. 6 p.c. Pref.	17	19	
2	Mexican Nat. 1st Pref.	4⅛	5⅛	
2	Mexican Nat. 2nd Pref.	1⅛	2⅛	
13⅜	San Paulo Ord.	138	141	
80	United Havana	80	82	

FOREIGN BONDS.

100	Argentine, 1886	99	101	
73	Do. 4 p.c. Rescissions	72	74	
88⅛	Do. 4 p.c. 1909	84	86	
40⅛	Brazil 4 p.c., 1889	39	41	
80⅛	Do. Funding, 1908	80	82	
69⅛	Do. 5 p.c. 1914	69	71	
94	Chinese 5 p.c., 1896	93	95	
81⅛	Do. 4½ p.c., 1898	80	82	
67	Do. 5 p.c., 1912	66	68	
95⅛	Czecho-Slovakia Bonds	95	97	
72⅛	Egyptian Unified	72	74	+ ⅛
25	French Loan	24⅛	25⅛	— ⅛
19⅛	Do. 4 p.c.	19⅛	20⅛	
13/3	German 3 p.c.	⅛	⅛	
19⅛	Italian Rentes	19	21	
108⅛	Japanese 4½ p.c. 1st	107	109	
93	Do. 4 p.c., 1905	90	94	
84	Do. New 5 p.c. 1907	83	85	+ 1
57	Mexican 5 p.c. '99	54	56	— 1
67	Do. 6 p.c. 10-Y. Treas	64	66	— 1
2⅛	Peruvian Corporation	2⅛	3	
26	Do. Pref.	26	27	
93⅛	Do. Deb.	92	94	— ⅛
33⅛	Portuguese 3 p.c.	32	34	
108⅛	San Paulo 8 p.c.	108	110	+ 1
—	Spanish 4 p.c.	61	66	
54⅛	Uruguay 3½ p.c.	54⅛	55⅛	

BANKS.

—	Agricultural of Egypt	6⅞	7⅛	
—	Anglo-South American	7	7⅜	
—	Australasia	13	13⅛	— ⅛
—	Bank New South Wales	38	39*	
—	Bank of New Zealand	2⅛	2⅛	
—	Barclays "A"	7⅛	8⅛	
—	British of Foreign Trade	1⅛	⅛	
—	British Overseas	5	5⅛	
—	Canadian of Commerce	40	42	
—	Chartered of India	19⅛	20	
—	Hong Kong	124⅛	126⅛	+ ⅛
—	Lloyds	39/0	40/0	— 0/6
—	Midland	8⅛	8⅛	
—	National Discount "B"	7⅛	8⅛	— ⅛
—	National Prov. (£4 p.)	10⅛	11⅛	
—	Royal Bank of Canada	46	48*	
—	Standard South Africa	10⅛	10⅛	
—	Union of Australia	14⅛	15	
—	Westminster Bank	17⅛	17⅛	

TELEGRAPHS.

23	Anglo-American Def.	23	23⅛	
2⅛	Marconi Wireless Ord.	2⅛	2⅛*	
—	Do. Pref.	2⅛	2⅛	
—	Do. Debs.	105⅛	107⅛	
1⅛	Do. Marine	1⅛	2	
6/3	Do. Canada	5/9	6/3	+ 0/4⅛
—	Oriental Telephone	1⅛	2	
17/9	Radio Corporation	17/9	18/3	— 0/3
17/6	Do. Pref.	17/1⅛	17/7⅛	

MISCELLANEOUS.

—	Aboukir Land	⅛	1⅛	
29/0	Aerated Bread	1⅛	1⅛*	
29/6	African and East. Trade	28/0	30/0	
20⅛	Alianza	20	21	
⅛	Allsopp £1 Shares	⅛	½	— 1/16
70	Do. 5 p.c. Pref.	69	73	
9/9	Amalgamated Cotton	9/0	10/0	
3⅛	Anglo-Argentine 1st Pref.	2	3⅛	
2⅛	Anglo-Chilian Nitrate	2⅛	2⅛	
3⅛	Argentine Northern Land	3	3⅛	
21 0	Do. Southern Land	1	1⅛	
17/3	Armstrong (W. G.)	16/3	17/3	— 0/3
20/9	Associated Cement	20/6	21/0	
17/9	Do. Pref.	17/6	18/0	
5⅛	Assd. Newspapers Def.	5⅛	5⅛	— ⅛
—	Bartholomay Pref.			
93	Bass, Ratcliff 5 p.c. Pref.	90	93	
—	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
48/0	Bleachers	1⅛	1⅛*	
36/6	Borax Con. Def.	1⅛	1⅛*	
28/8	Bovril Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
45⅛	Brazilian Traction	45	47	
25/10⅛	British Portland Cement	1⅛	1⅛	
10/6	B.S.A.	10/0	11/0	
8/0	British Cellulose Ord.	8/0	8/6	
26/9	British Oil and Cake	1⅛	1⅛	
12/6	B.N.B. Land	⅛	⅛	
84⅛	Brit. Col. Electric Rail.	83⅛	84⅛	
—	Do. 4½ p.c. Debs.	89	92	
37/6	Brunner Mond	36/0	38/0	
47/0	Bryant and May	2⅛	2⅛	+ ⅛
37/6	Bradford Dyers	2⅛	2⅛	
104/0	Brit.-Amer. Tobacco	103/0	105/0	— 2/0
—	British Glass	1/1⅛	1/4⅛	
30/3	Calico Printers	1⅛	1⅛	
15/0	Cammell Laird	14/6	15/6	
16/3	Cargo Fleet	1⅛	1⅛	
63/3	Coats	3⅛	3⅛	
60/9	Courtaulds	61/0	62/0	
—	Court Line	29/9	30/9	
3/0	Crosse and Blackwell	2/6	3/6	
—	Cunard Ord.	⅛	1	
—	De La Rue Deb.	32	33	
8/3	Dunlop Rubber	7/6	8/6	
106⅛	Do. Deb.	103	105	
—	Do. Amer. Tire Deb.	99	100	+ ½
15/3	Dorman Long	14/3	15/3	— 0/3
—	Elder Dempster 6 p.c. Pf.	19/0	20/0*	
—	English Electric	16/9	18/3	— 0/3
49/6	English Sewing Cotton	2⅛	2⅛	
43/6	Fine Spinners	2⅛	2⅛	
21/9	Forestal Land	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Furness Withy	1⅛	1⅛	
20/0	General Electric Ord.	19/3	20/9	
—	Do. Debs.	102⅛	104⅛	
372	Guinness	360	380*†	
—	Do. Pref.	117	122*	
—	Gramophone Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
33/9	Harrods	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Hoyle Deb.	102	104*	
5⅛	Hudson's Bay Ord.	5⅛	5⅛*	
71/0	Imperial Tobacco Ord.	69/0	71/0	— 1/6
19/0	John Brown	18/0	19/0*	
12/6	Do. (15/- paid)	12/0	13/0*	
7⅛	Lautaro Nitrate	7⅛	8	
21/9	Lever 7 p.c. Pref.	21/0	22/0	
—	Lever 7 p.c. Debs.	105	107	
—	Lever 8 p.c. Debs.	95	97	
18/3	Lipton	17/9	18/9	
4⅛	Lyons (J.)	4⅛	4⅛*	
29/9	Lagunas Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Linen Thread Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	— 1/16
27/6	Lister Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
3⅛	Liverpool Nitrate	2⅛	3⅛	— ⅛
15/0	London Nitrate	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Mackintosh (J.) Pref.	18/9	20/0	
6/3	Maypole Def.	6/1⅛	6/7⅛	
—	Mond Nickel Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
32	Mexican Trams	30	32	
75	Do. Bonds	70	72	— 1
—	Do. L. and P. Bonds	62	65	— 1
15/0	Niger Pref.	14/9	15/9	
21/9	Nobel Ord.	20/9	21/9	— 0/3
20/9	Do. Pref.	20/0	21/0	
—	Do. Def.	7/9	8/9	
1⅛	Parent Tyre Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
15/0	Do. Ord.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Pease and Partners	⅛	⅛	
—	P. and O. Def.	295	298*	
7/6	Pekin Syndicate	⅛	⅛	
—	Peter Walker Ord.	18/0	19/0	
23/0	Platt Bros. Ord.	22/0	23/0	
—	Royal Mail Ord.	⅛	⅛	
12/6	Rio Negro Lands	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Rolls Royce	1⅛	1⅛	
30/6	Rosario Nitrate	29/0	31/0	— 1/0
—	Salt Union	1	1⅛	
2⅛	South Durham Steel	2⅛	2⅛	
—	San Paulo Tram Deb.	95	98*	
23/6	South African Breweries	1⅛	1⅛*	
10⅛	Shawinigan Water Debs.	118	120	
1⅛	Santa Rita Nitrate	1⅛	2	
3⅛	Santiago Nitrate	2⅛	3⅛	
62/6	Salar del Carmen	2⅛	3⅛	
—	Selfridge 6 p.c. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
17/9	Siemens	⅛	⅛	
—	Smithfield Arg. Meat	⅛	⅛	
—	Spratt's Patent	2⅛	3⅛	
—	Tilling Ord.	2⅛	2⅛	
—	Do. 6½ p.c. Cum. Pref.	4⅛	4⅛	
15/0	Tarapaca Nitrate	14/0	15/0	— 0/6
—	Union Cold-Storage Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	United Alkali	1⅛	1⅛	
9/3	United Steel	9/0	9/6	
14/0	Vickers Ord.	13/3	14/3	— 0/3
—	Van Den Berghs	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Do. Pref.	1⅛	1⅛	
—	Walker (John) Pref.	18/3	20/0	
1⅛	Wallpaper Def.	1⅛	1⅛	
1⅛	Weardale Iron C.P.O.	1⅛	1⅛*	

* Ex div. † Ex bonus. ‡ Ex rights.

I would sooner sleep with Scotch thistles in my bed than with Mr. Lloyd George.—Lord Younger.

LONDON MINING MARKET UNINTERESTING.

PRICES ON DOWN GRADE.

No difficulty was experienced in the settlement of the past account, the final stage of which was reached yesterday. Markets, however, were not in a happy frame of mind, mainly on account of the almost entire absence of public interest, the outcome of political uncertainty. Professionals were disinclined to launch out, and as regards Kaffirs, neither the favourable industrial conditions on the Rand nor the well-founded expectations of satisfactory dividends serves to stimulate activity. The opposition aroused by the proposals of the Chartered directors regarding the return of 5s. per share coming at a time of general dulness had an undue influence on the market for the shares, and the price fell away rapidly. The weakness of the erstwhile leader of this market, coupled with the general depression, induced dealers to mark down other quotations, but apart from Cam and Motor the shrinkages did not exceed 1/16 in extent. Diamonds were distinctly dull, and as regards De Beers the idea is now fairly generally held that no dividend is likely to be declared on the Def. for some time. These shares, the Pref., and Jagersfontein were all lower, but other Diamonds kept steady. West Africans were steady, but Australians were dull, Associated being lowered in sympathy with the Canadian shares in which the company is interested. Rio Tinto, among Coppers, fell back sharply, and Russo-Asiatic were on offer. Elsewhere weakness ruled, and Mexicans—particularly San Francisco—Canadians, and Burma Corporation were all on the down grade. Closing prices:—

SOUTH AFRICAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.		
1⅛	Anglo-Amer. Corp.	1 5/16-1⅜ — 1/16
16/3	Anglo-French	15/9-16/3
5⅛	Brakpan	5 3/16-5 5/16 — 1/16
3⅛	Cent. Mining (£8)	9⅛-9⅛ — 1/16
3⅛	City Deep	3⅛-3⅛ — 1/16
20/0	Con. Goldfields	19/9-19/9
9/9	Cons. Main Reef	9/6-9/9
15/0	Cons. Selec. (10/-)	14/6-15/0 — 0/6
3⅛	Crown Mines (10/-)	3 5/16-3⅜ — 1/16
17/3	Durban Deep	17/3-17/9 — 0/3
7/6	E. Rand Mining	7/9-8/3
6/6	E. Rand Prop.	6/0-6/3 — 0/3
3⅛	Geduld	3⅛-3⅛
13/0	Gen. Mining	12 9-13/3 — 0/6
11/3	G. M. Investment	11/0-11/6
6⅛	Government Areas	6⅛-6⅛
10/3	H E. Prop.	10/0-10/6
32/0	Johan'burg Invest	31/0-31/6
5/3	Kleinfontein	5/0-5/3
19/6	Knight's	18/6-19/0 — 0/6
25 0	Langlaagte Estate	24/6-25/0 — 0/3
3⅛	Mayer & Charlton	3⅛-3⅛
4⅛	M'derfontein (10/-)	4⅛-4⅛ — ⅛
1⅛	Modder B (5/-)	1 13/16-1 15/16 — 1/16
2⅛	Modder Deep (5/-)	2⅛-2⅛
8/3	Modder East	8/0-8/3
1⅛	New State Areas	1⅛-1⅛
8/6	Nigel	8/3-7/3 + 0/3
14/6	Nourse Mines	14/0-14/6 — 0/6
3⅛	Rand Mines (5/-)	3⅛-3⅛ — 1/16
21/3	Randfontein	20/6-21/0 — 0/3
13/0	do. Central	12/6-13/0 — 0/3
1⅛	Rob'son Dp. A (1/-)	1⅛-1⅛ — ⅛
25/0	Robinson Dp. B	25/0-25/6 — 0/6
14/0	Rose Deep	13/9-14/3 — 0/6
⅛	S.A. Gold Trust	⅛-⅛
2⅛	Springs Mines	2⅛-3⅛ — 1/16
13/0	Sub Nigel	12/6-13/0 — 0/6
2⅛	Trans. and Del. E.	2⅛-2⅛
17/6	Trans.Con.L.(15/-)	16/6-17/0 — 0/6
22/3	Union Corp. (12/6)	20/0-20/6* — 0/6
20/0	Van Ryn	19/6-20/0 — 0/3
3⅛	Van Ryn Deep	3⅛-3⅛
17/6	Vereeniging	17/3-17/9
14/3	Village Deep	13/6-14/0 — 0/6
25/3	West Springs	24/6-25/0 — 0/3
10/6	Do. Options	9/6-10/6 — 0/3
18	WitersrandDeep	17/0-18/0 — 0/3

RUSSIAN.

⅛	Lena Gold	⅛-⅛
7/3	Russo-Asiat-Cons	6/9-7/3 — 0/3
2/6	Russian Mining	⅛-⅛
⅛	Siberian Props.	⅛-⅛
⅛	Spassky	⅛-⅛

RHODESIAN.

M.U. Dec. 10.		
5/0	Bechuanaland Ex.	5/0-5/3 — 0/3
2⅛	Cam and Motor	2 1/16-2⅛ — ⅛
13/0	Chart'd B.S.A.	12 9-13/0 — 0/9
5/0	Falcon	4/6-5/0 — 0/3
15/9	Gaika Gold	15/0-15/3 — 0/3
15/9	Globe & Phoenix	15/0-15/6 — 0/3
5/10⅛	Gold F. Rho. (10/-)	5/7⅛-6/1⅛
1⅛	Lonely Reef	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Rezende	2⅛-2⅛
5/0	R. Broken Hill (5/-)	4/10⅛-5/1⅛
12/3	Selukwe	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Shamva Mines	1 1/16-1⅛
2⅛	Sherwood Starr	2⅛-2⅛
18/10⅛	Tanganyika	18/3-17/9 —
31/6	Vic. Falls Ord.	31/0-31/6
29/3	do. Pref.	29/0-30/0
12/0	Wankie Col. (10/-)	⅛-1
10/3	Zambesia Explor.	10/0-10/6
—	Zambesia Min. D.	⅛-⅛

DIAMOND.

⅛	Angola Diamond	⅛-1
18/6	Con. D. S. W. A.	17/6-18/6
11⅛	De Beers Def.	11⅛-11⅛ — ⅛
11⅛	do. Pref.	11⅛-11⅛ — ⅛
3	Jagersfontein	2⅛-3⅛ — ⅛
⅛	N. Val River	⅛-⅛
7⅛	Premier Pf. (5/-)	7-7⅛

AUSTRALIAN.

1⅛	Amal. Zinc	1⅛-1⅛*
2/1⅛	Associated	11/0-11/6 — 0/9
1⅛	Brit. Australian	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	Broken Hill Prop.	1⅛-1⅛
2⅛	B. Hill Sth. (New	2⅛-2⅛
⅛	B. Hill, Block 10	⅛-⅛
1⅛	Electro Zinc Pref.	1⅛-1⅛
⅛	Ivanhoe	⅛-⅛
3/6	Lake View (10/-)	15/3-16/3
3⅛	North Broken Hill	2⅛-3⅛*
14/3	Sulphide Ord.	⅛-⅛
14/0	Zinc Ord. (10/-)	13/6-14/
2⅛	do. Pref.	2⅛-2⅛

WEST AFRICAN.

⅛	Akim	⅛-⅛
8/6	Ashanti Gold (4/-)	8/0-8/6
9/9	Fanti Cons. (8/-)	9/3-9/9
16/6	Gold Coast Amal.	16/0-16/6 + 0
4/3	Taquah Explor.	4/0-4/6

TIN.

M.U. Dec. 10.		
15/6	Anglo-Con. (10/-)	15/6-16/0
3⅛	Aramayo Francke	3 1/16-3⅛*
6/3	East Pool (5/-)	6/3-6/9
1⅛	Gopeng	1⅛-1⅛
18/0	Ipoh	17/3-18/0 —
1⅛	Kramat Pulai	1⅛-1⅛
2	Malayan T.D.	1⅛-2⅛*
14/3	Mongu	14/0-14/6
17/3	Naraguta	16/6-17/6
2/3	Nigerian Tin (5/-)	1/9-2/3
10/3	Pahang (5/-)	10/0-11/0
16⅛	Rambutan	⅛-1
1⅛	Renong	1⅛-1⅛
11/6	Ropp (4/-Shares)	11/0-11/6 — ⅛
2⅛	Siamese	2⅛-2⅛
6/3	South Bukeru	6/0-7/0
1⅛	Tronoh	1 5/16-1⅛ — ⅛

COPPER.

17/6	Arizona (5/-)	⅛-⅛
⅛	Mount Elliott (£5)	⅛-⅛
9/3	Mount Morgan	9/0-10/0 + 0/1
21/6	Mount Lyell	21/6-22/0
1⅛	Namaqua	1⅛-1⅛
10/3	New Guinea	10/0-11/0
31⅛	Rio Tinto (£5)	31⅛-32⅛ — ⅛
13/6	S. American (2/-)	12/6-13/6

MISCELLANEOUS.

15/9	Brit. Platinum	15/0-16/6
9/3	Burma Corp.	9/0-9/6 — 0/3
2/3	Chemical and Met.	2/0-3/0
4/9	Colombian Mining	4/6-5/0
—	Colombian Props	19/6-21/6
4/6	Corderoy Synd.	4/6-5/0
1⅛	Huronian Belt	1⅛-1⅛ — ⅛
7/9	Keeley Silver	7/6-8/0 — 0/3
—	Kirkland Lake	9/0-10/0 — 0/3
8⅛	Mexico Mines	8-8⅛* — ½
4⅛	Minerals Separ'tn	5⅛-6
13/6	Min.Corp.of Can	12/6-13/0 —
11/0	Mysore (10/-)	10/6-11/6 + 0/6
2/0	Nat. Min. (10/-pd.)	2/0-3/3
1⅛	New Chuquitambo	⅛-1⅛
9/0	Nundydroog	8/9-9/9
12/3	Ooregum	12/6-13/6
15/0	Oroville	14/3-15/3
18/6	St.JohnDelRey	17/0-18/9
23/0	San Francisco (10/-)	22/6-23/0 — 1/
8/3	Santa Gertrudis	7/9-8/3 — 0/
—	S. Amer G. Areas	1⅛-1⅛
1⅛	Waihi Gold	1 1/16-1⅛

*Ex. Dividend. †Ex. Rights.

BUSINESS DONE.

Anglo-American Corp.—25/9, 6/3, 5/6, 5/-, 7½d. Brakpan—73/1½. British South Africa (Chart.)—12/10½, 13/1½, 12/11½, *7½d., 13/7½, 13/0½, 3d., 12/9. Cam and Motor—50/-, 49/8½, 8/9, 50/-. Central Mining—9¾. City Deep—62/10½, 9½d., 6d., *55/-. Consol. Diamond Mines S.W. Africa—17/9. Consol. Gold Fields—19/-, 6d. Consol. Main Reef—9/9, 7½d. Consol. Mines Selection—15/1½. Corderoy—4/10½, 9½d., 9d., 11½d., 10d. Crown Mines—62/6, 1/10½, 60/7½, 1/3, 2/6, *60/-. De Beers Def.—*11½. Durban Rood. Deep—17/10½, *16/9, 17/9, 7½d., 3d. East Rand Prop.—*5/7½, 6/4½, 3d., 1½d., *5/10½, 6/-. Eileen Alannah—6/3, *4/9, *5/9. Esperanza—3/6, 4½d. Geduld—65/7½, 11½d. Government Areas—6 9-64, 1/16. Johannesburg Invest.—31/4½, 9d., 7½d., 3d. Langlaagte—24/9, *9d. Modderfontein B (5/- shares)—29/1½, 3d., 6d., 8/10½, 9d., 9/1½, 8/5¼, 9d., 9/4½. Modderfontein Deep (5/- shares)—45/7½, *3/9, 5/7½, 5/-. Modderfontein East—8/7½, 3d., 4½d., 3d. New Kleinfontein—5/10½. New Modderfontein—85/-. New State Areas—33/9. Nourse—*13/9. Rand Mines—62/6, 3/6½, 3d., 2/2½, 6d., 1/10½, 2/6, 8½d. Randfontein Central—13/7½, *12/6. Robinson Deep A—36/3, 6d., *7/6, 2½d.; do. B—27/-, 6/9, 6d., 3d., 1½d., 6/-, 10½d., 5/6, 6/4½, 6d. Rose Deep—14/1½, 4½d., 14/-, ½d., 2½d. Russo-Asiatic—7/4½, 7d., 1½d. Selukwe Gold—12/6, 11/6½. Springs—56/10½, 3d., 6/-, 6½d. Tanganyika—*16/7½. Union Corporation—30/6, 1/-, 30/1½, 3d., 4½d. Van Ryn—20/-, 19/10½, 20/1½, 3d., 20/6, 19/9, 7½d. Van Ryn Deep—71/3, 1/-. Village Deep—14/-, *13/6, 14/1½. West Springs—25/1½, 4/10½, 5/-, 2½d., 3d., 4/10½.

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DEALINGS IN LONDON MARKET.

The following dealings among active stocks and shares were "marked" in London yesterday:—

[illegible: several lines of small-type dealings beginning "Consols—56⅛, 6, ... 3½ p.c. War Loan—95½ ... War Loan—97 ... Funding Loan ... Victory Bonds ... Conversion Loan—76⅛ ... India 7 p.c. ... Australia 6 p.c. Stock—105⅛ ... South Africa ... Aerated Bread (x.d.)—25/-, 6d. ... African and Eastern ... Agwi Petroleum—14/4½, 13/9, 14/3, 13/7½, 6d., 14/3. Amalgamated Cotton—9/4, 4½d. Anglo-Dutch Rubber—36/3, 5/9, 6d., 3d., 1½d. Anglo-Persian Oil—46/10½, 6d., 5/7½, 6/3; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/4½, 3d., 2½d., 1½d., 20/9, 7½d. Armstrong—16/6. Assoc. Cement—20/9, 1/-, 3d., 20/10½, 7½d., 6d., 1/3. Assoc. Newspapers Def.—5⅛ ... Baldwins Ord.—16/7½. Barclays Bank "B"—53/-, *2/6, 9d., 3/3, 1½d., 2/6, 10½d., 3/-. Bovril Def.—27/10½. Brazilian Traction—46⅛ ... British American Tobacco—105/3, 6/3, 4/9, 5/4½, 6d., 4/-. British Controlled Oil—5/1½, 4/11½, 5/2½; do. Pref.—6/6, 8½d., 7½d., 3d., 6/-, 1½d. British Oil and Cake—26/6, 4½d., 5/9, 6/4½, 6/-. British Overseas Bank—5⅛ ... Brunner Mond—37/6, 3d., 7/-. Bryant and May—47/9, 8/3, 7/6, 9d. B.S.A.—10/3, *1½d., 3d. Buenos Ayres Central 2nd Debs.—71½. Buenos Ayres Great Southern—81⅛ ... Buenos Ayres Western Ord.—72⅛ ... Buenos Ayres Pacific—74, 3⅛ ... Calico Printers—31/3, *30/6, 1/1½. Canadian Pacific—165⅛ ... Central Argentine Cons.—68⅛ ... Coats—64/-, 3/3, 4½d. Cook (St. Paul's) Ord.—19/6, 3d., 1½d.; do. Part. Pref.—21/3, 20/9. Cory (Wm.)—45/6, *5/-, 9d. Courtaulds—61/9, 4½d., 1/-, 60/9, 10½d., 1/3, 4½d., 2/-, 1/-, 7½d. Crosse and Blackwell—2/9. Crosses and Winkworth Pref.—11/-. Cunard Ord.—19/-, 18/7½, 10½d., 7½d.; do. Debs.—103⅛ ... Daily Mail Trust Debs.—99⅛ ... Dunlop Ord.—Paid—80⅛ ... Dunlop Ord.—8/-, 7/10½, 9½d., 11½d.; do. Debs.—106. Dunlop Tire America Debs.—99½. Edison Swan—4/8½, 10½d., 9½d. Elder-Dempster 6 p.c. Pref. (x.d.)—19/-, *20/1½, 19/4½, 3d. Fine Cotton Spinners—46/7½. Forestal Land—22/1½, 3d. General Electric Ord.—19/10½, 20/3, 20/-, 4½d., 3d.; do. Debs.—103. Great Western Rail.—110½ ... do. 5 p.c. Pref.—100½ ... Guinness Ord.—371, 3. Harrod's Ord.—33/9, 3d., 2/9, *3/-, 6d. Hudson's Bay Ord. (x.d.)—5 1/16 ... Imperial Tobacco—71/-, 70/9, 3d., 10½d., 1½d., 7½d., 69/10½, 9d., 6d.; do. Canada—24/4½, 3d., 1½d., 3/10½. Kassala Cotton—17/1½, 17/-. Kern River Oil—15/3, 14/10½, 11½d., 9d. Lever 7 p.c. Pref.—21/6½, 7½d., 4½d., 9d., 5½d., 8½d.; do. 8 p.c. Pref.—21/6, 5½d., 4½d., 6½d., 4½d.; do. 7 p.c. Debs.—105½, 6½. Linggi Rubber—31/-, 6d. Lipton Ord.—27/6, 10½d. Lister Ord.—27/1½, 7/-, 3d. Lloyds Bank—59/7½, 6d., 60/-, 59/10½. Lobitos Oil—6 11/16, 33-64. London Joint City Bank—8 13/16 ... London, Midland, and Scottish Ord.—105½ ... London and North-Eastern Pref. Ord.—86⅛ ... do. Def. Ord.—33⅛ ... Lyons (J.) and Co. Ord.—96/11½, 4/7½; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—25/9. Malayalam Rubber—23/4½. Marconi Ord. (x.d.)—42/-, 3/-; do. Debs.—106½, 5½ ... do. Marine—27/3; do. Canada—6/-. Maypole Def.—6/3, *6/-, 1d., 4½d., 1½d. Metropolitan Rail.—75½, 4⅛ ... Metropolitan District—55⅛ ... Mexican Eagle Ord.—20/9, 10½d., 1/4½, 20/6, 1/-, *2/10½, 19/10½, 9d., *21/7½, *4½d., 20/3, 20/1½, *6/1; do. 7 p.c. Pref.—13/9, 6d., 5d., 4½d. Mond Nickel—37/6. Nat. Prov. Bank (£3½)—£9 9/6, 9½d.; do. (£4)—11 1/16, 11, £11 0/6, 10½. Nestle—8 p.c. Pref.—22/3, *2/-. Niger 8 p.c. Pref.—15/1½, 15/-. Nobel Indus.—21/4½, 6d., 3d.; do. Pref.—20/7½; do. Deferred—8/1½; do. Debs.—101⅛. Peruvian Corp. Pref.—26⅛ ... Phoenix Oil—16/4½, 9d., 7½d., 16/-, 3d., 15/9, 10½d. Platt Bros. Ord.—32/7½, 6d., 4½d. Radio Corp. Com.—17/9, 18/3, 17/10½; do. Pref.—17/3. Royal Dutch—34⅛ ... Rubber Trust—25/9, 26/6. Selfridge—Shell—78/9, 9/0⅛, 8/1½, 7/6, *8/9, 6/10½, 7/2½. Southern Rail. Pref. Ord.—86⅛ ... do. Def. Ord.—40, 39, ... do. "A" Ord. ... do. "B"—11⅛ ... Spies Petroleum—2/6. Sudan Plantations—6⅛ ... Tankers Pref.—5/1½. Trinidad Central Oil—9/0⅛. Turkish Unified—19⅛ ... Underground Elec.—62/6, 9½d., *5/-, 3/-, 1½d., 9d., 2/6. Underground Income Bonds—100⅛ ... United Dairies—34/3, 4½d., 1½d. United of Havana Rail.—80⅛ ... United Premier Oil and Cake Ord.—10/9. United Serdang Rubber—3/2, 2½d., 1½d. United Tobacco—64/3, 3/6, 9d., 4/9, 3/-, 1½d., 3d. Urox Oil—3/10½, 11½d., 4/-, 3/9. Vickers—13/6, 9d., 10½d., 3d., 4½d., 1½d. V.O.C. Holdings—35/3, 5/7½, 5/-, 3½d., 4/4½, 5/7½. Westminster Bank—17⅛ ... Whiteley (Wm.)—56/9, 5/6, 7½d., 6/-, 9d.]

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PROVINCIAL EXCHANGES.

BIRMINGHAM.—Business slow and prices scarcely altered. Humbers flat and Rolls Royce receding. Enfield hardening. Triumphs easier. Dunlops again shade lower. Austins 2/10½, Bluemels 43/6, Calthorpes 5/9, Components 4/-, S.T.D. 6/6, Enfields 21/6, Humbers 22/6, Rolls 28/7½, Rovers 14/6, Singers 24/-, Standards 48/-, Swifts 6/-, Triumphs 31/6, Vauxhalls 6/6, Dunlops 7/10½, Parent Deferred 25/6, Harper Bean 1/3, Calcotts

MANCHESTER.—Textiles again a very firm market; many gains. Bleachers, 46/-47/6; Pref., 21/-21/3; Calicos, 31/3-31/6; Pref., 17/6-18/-; Dyers, 58/-59/-; Pref., 19/6-20/-; Cottons, 50/-50/6; Pref., 19/6-20/-; Spinners, 47/6-48/6; Pref., 19/9-20/-; "Stubbers," 8/3-8/6; Coats, 63/6-64/-; Ship Canal, 8½-9; Pref., 8½-8⅝; Velvets, 26/6-27/6, 38/9.

TEA SHARES.

Business better. Prices show mixed changes:—Ceylon Plantation, 77/-—1/-; Chargola, 50/6+6d.; Con. T. and L. Ord., £35¼+¼; Doom Dooma, £35¼+¼; E. I. and Ceylon, 42/-—1/-; East Produce, 58/3+6d.; Empire, 37/-—1/6; Imperial Ord., 39/-+3d.; Jokai, £43½; Jorehaut, 66/-—6d.

Business done:—Bengal United, 26; do. Cum. Pref., 7; Ceylon, 78/-, 7/-; Chargola, 50/6; Consolidated, 36¼, £35 1/9, 35¼; Deviturai, 14/4½; Dimbula Valley, 48/-; Doom Dooma, 35¼; East India and Ceylon, 41/-, 2/-; Empire of India, 37/-, 66/6, 6/-; Makum, 38/-, 3d.; Dangua Jhar, 30/-; Imperial, 39/6, 8/6, 9/-; Jokai, 43¼; Jorehaut, Imperial Ceylon (£1 shares), 27/3, 6d., 3d.; Lunava, 35/6, 4/3, 4/-; Moabund, 50/6; Pandan, 18/-, 1½d., 17/9; Peacock and Nilambe, 3/1; Poonmudi, 3/4½, 3½d., 3¼d.

INDUSTRIALS DULL.

HEAVY SELLING IN THE AFTERNOON.

The Miscellaneous and Industrial markets opened with a dull appearance yesterday, and, in the absence of support, prices were inclined to sag. In the afternoon some heavy selling was encountered, which accentuated the downward trend, and as a result an all round decline was seen at the close. The reason for the weakness could not be definitely ascertained. As was pointed out in one quarter, markets are very sensitive at present to any rumour of trouble, which in its turn may easily lead to the circulation of other unfavourable reports all tending to depression. Textiles also closed lower, with the exception of Dyestuffs, which responded to a small demand. In the Stores list Harrods gave way, and among Caterers J. Lyons receded. Breweries remained dull. Sellers predominated in the Iron and Steel section, prices showing a drooping tendency in consequence. Cables kept up, while in the Electric Lighting group Charing Cross continued in request, and finished better again. Land Shares sagged.

In the Tobacco group B.A.T. were depressed, and, as a result, closed 2s. lower on balance at 104s. Imperials also suffered from realisations, and dropped 1s. 3d. to 69s. 6d., United (South) lost 1s. at 63s., and the Deferred 6d. at 62s. 6d. Among Miscellaneous descriptions African and Easterns receded to 29s., and Oil Cakes to 26s.; while Lever 7 and 8 per cent. Prefs. both eased to 21s. 4½d. Wall Paper Defd. were quoted ex the dividend at 16s. Parent Tyre Defd. lost 1/16 at 1¼, and De Treys 6d. at 16s. 6d. Dunlops shed 3d. to 7s. 9d., the "A" Prefs. 1/16 to ⅞, and Nobels 3d. to 21s. 3d. Brunner Monds receded to 36s. 9d. British Portland Cements came on offer, and gave way to 26s. 3d., though Associateds finished a few pence harder on the day at 20s. 6d., and Borax Defd. recovered to 36s. 3d. Renewed weakness was exhibited by the Insurance group. Losses of ½ took place in Alliance to 13½ in the New, to 14 in Atlas, to 17½ in Commercial Unions, to 18¾ in Motor Unions, to 8½ in North British, and Mercantiles to 16¼, and in Royals to 23½.

INSURANCE SHARES.

BUSINESS DONE IN LONDON:—Alliance, 13 11/16; Atlas, 17, ⅛; Commercial Union, 18 11/16, 19 1/16, ⅛; Eagle Star, 14¼; General Accident, 6⅛, £6 13/3; Guardian, 7⅛; London and Lancashire, 16¼; London Assurance, 9 5/16, ⅛; Motor Union, 8⅛, ¼; North British, 16⅛, ⅛; Northern, 15⅛, ⅛; Royal, 24, 3⅛, ⅛; Sun, 18⅛; United British, 39/9, 41/-, 37/6; World Auxiliary, 18/3, 18/-, 17/6, 9d.

BUSINESS DONE IN LIVERPOOL:—Caledonian Insurance Co., 12¼; Commercial Union, 18⅛, ⅛, ⅛; General Accident, Fire, and Life, 6¼; London and Lancashire Insurance, 16¼, 16; North British and Mercantile, 16⅛, ⅛, ⅛; Northern Assurance, 15⅛; Phœnix, Norwich Union, 11¼, 15/3; Royal Insurance, 23 11/16, ¾.

FINANCIAL PARAGRAPHS.

London Stock markets yesterday were generally under the influence of selling orders, and there was nothing like a corresponding tendency to absorb the stock offered. This position is the direct outcome of the manifesto issued by the Labour Party on Wednesday afternoon, which has provoked a considerable amount of apprehension. Gilt-edged securities were generally marked down, the leaders shedding from ⅛ to ½, and the tendency in other sections was in sympathy with the tone in Home Funds. The view adopted by the majority of members of the "House" is that a Labour Government, which is now regarded as coming within the realm of practical politics immediately Parliament re-assembles in January, must inevitably be injurious to the country's financial and economic interests. It is, perhaps, worth pointing out that there also exists a diametrically opposed minority view. This school of thought holds that a Labour Government is, after all, not the end of all things, that it has for some time past been a commonplace that such an administration must eventually materialise, as it has in other parts of the Empire, and that Mr. Ramsay Macdonald is hardly likely to take office unless he is prepared to shelve all contentious measures, including the capital levy, and to concentrate on the key issue of unemployment.

The number of joint stock companies registered in England and Scotland at the beginning of this year was 164,000, it is stated in a Board of Trade report issued yesterday. During the year 7,993 new companies were registered in England, the increase in total numbers being 3,517. With 503 additions to the Scottish register, there was a total addition of £131,729,895 to the nominal capital of registered companies. Of the new companies registered 15 had a capital of £1,000,000 and upwards, whilst 3,288, nearly half the number, had a capital of between £5,000 and £10,000. The new registrations show an increase of over 1,600 as compared with the preceding year, but are 2,000 below the average figure of the post-war boom years.

The *Manchester Guardian Commercial*, concluding a long article on the Anglo-Persian Oil Company, asks:—"How much of the post-war expenditure of the company must be considered unproductive expenditure, how much of this unproductive expenditure has already been written off, how much of it remains to be written off? Let us summarise the unproductive expenditure as follows:—(a) Approximately £500,000 has been paid in underwriting commissions in respect of new capital since 1918; (b) unproductive field expenditure, including investment in Scottish-American and other "producing" companies, say, £2,500,000; (c) writing down post-war tankers, say, £5,000,000; (d) writing down refineries and marketing *dépôts* in Europe, say, £2,000,000. This makes a total of £10,000,000, which I regard as very conservative. The accounts for the last three years show that £2,725,000 have been withdrawn from the profits and used to write down capital expenditure, while some unknown amounts in the books of subsidiary or associated companies, which are not published, have also been devoted to this purpose. Is this sufficient? If these arguments are sustained a much heavier write-off has still to be made before the Anglo-Persian can look the future in the face."

MEXICAN EAGLE OIL COMPANY.

THE FILISOLA STRIKE.

The London financial agents of the Mexican Eagle Oil Company, Ltd., have received the following cable from Tampico:—"Filisola, 7—By continuously swabbing lowered fluid level to bottom of cemented casing, 2,807 feet, and maintained it there two days; production 50 barrels per day clean oil, no sand or water. Secondly, ran bailer to bottom of hole, 2,817 feet, and found it perfectly clean, no sand or water. Thirdly, condition of hole perfect for test, and consider now clearly demonstrated formation penetrated so far not capable giving commercial production. As total production sand to date only about 60 cubic feet, and no more coming in, even when hole practically empty of fluid, appears all loose sand appeared removed, which, combined very small influx oil, indicates formation mostly hard cemented sandstone of low porosity. Fourthly, view above and perfect condition hole for deepening, all concerned agree go deeper drilling, testing few feet at a time. Fifthly, expect commence deepening 14th."

PRODUCE AND FOOD.

CATTLE.

DUBLIN METROPOLITAN CATTLE, North Circular road, Thursday.—From casual observation the market looked to be packed and congested with stock, but to the surprise of most people the official register of entries indicated a slight falling off in each division. There was a conspicuous shrinkage in the attendance of cross-Channel buyers, principally Lancashire representatives. This is possibly due to the large numbers of stock slaughtered under the foot-and-mouth order, this meat being sold in Lancashire and adjacent districts at cheap rates. Birkenhead, too, appears to be full of foreign and Irish stock, and prices there are ruling on a rather cheap level—viz., 8d. to 8½d. per lb. for best beef, perhaps near 9d. for fancy quality bullocks. Altogether, our market was dominated by a more cautious tone, and, minus healthy competition, sellers were unable to maintain appreciable cohesion in values. However, all the same, there was a good demand for finished cattle at current rates, which, in the main, more or less favoured buyers, but ultimately it proved that medium and coarse drafts were much in excess of what could be dealt with. Sheep market was also somewhat uneven, and, with the exception of occasional pens of fancy wethers, the trend of prices was in downward direction. There was a greater demand for shipment, mostly for sheep of the lamb class, but at rather discouraging terms—in fact, shippers could only be fitted at rates within their own estimate. The result of the more extended business in this direction made it practicable to clear a great number of pens of sheep on various stands, which were re-entries from last and previous weeks. But, as with cattle, the rougher descriptions of sheep were in excess of requirements and left a biggish proportional carry over. Market had more or less of a Christmas auspices with regard to shipping requirements, yet there is still time for Englishmen, operating next week, to catch many cross-Channel markets this side of Christmas.

	Numbers on offer this week as compared with last.		Corresponding weeks of 1922.	1921.
Beasts	7,113	decrease 83	7,003	6,729
Sheep and Lambs	7,869	decrease 291	8,486	8,344
Veal Calves	9	decrease —	15	15

In cattle branch several transactions recorded fancy prices; these really attached to veritable show beasts, with little relation in value comparison to general run of choice cattle met with on our regular market: 52s. to 55s. and 57s. per cwt. were the very fancy rates recorded, but for the average run of best cattle to-day's figures worked out at 42s. 6d. to 44s. and 45s. per cwt. for grass-fed bullocks and heifers, whilst 44s. to 48s. took in average currencies for stallfeds. These figures put rather 1s. to 2s. cheaper complexion on the market against scale test of last day; for there were really good, useful grass cattle obtainable at from 37s. 6d. to 41s., and commoner and coarser lots at proportionately less money. In the neutralised support of Lancashire buyers for beef cows, trade in this branch was disappointing, and top average was nothing better than last Thursday—viz., 30s. to 33s. and 34s. per cwt. Here and there occasional specimens of very fat cows were principally in demand for Christmas suet requirements, and these exhibits went up to around 38s. per cwt. At a late hour of the day more than half the fat cows were still uncashed, and prices were assuming a decidedly drooping tendency; in some cases as low as 21s. per cwt. was recorded for lean and old cows, and from that up to 27s. 6d. and 28s. for fairly useful classes.

Generally, sloth and depression continue the chief characteristics prevailing in the sheep trade. For prime classes of medium-weighted aged wethers there was a good enough sale for local consumption at around 11½d. to 12½d. per lb.; for a couple of drafts of exceptionally nice well-meated Cheviots 1s. 2d. per lb. was paid. Otherwise prices were difficult to maintain around previous level, especially so for ewes and coarse descriptions of sheep. Shippers were considerably more busy than for some time past, and took several important drafts, but at uneven rates, which mostly indicated a cheaper undertone. Ordinary descriptions of mutton still run within 9d. to 11d. per lb., and these figures practically take in the lamb class of sheep, which, of course, must now be considered hoggets. A good deal of storish sorts of sheep on market, which were a misfit to any interest, and had mostly to be returned to owners.

DUBLIN DAIRY CATTLE (North Circular road), Thursday.—Just 150 head of milch cattle were on market. Trade proved of much the same featureless character as previously, only occasional buyers to be met with willing to pay up to £28 or £30 for a stocker of exceptional points and excellence. Best run of fresh-calved cows £24 to £26 or £27 each, useful milkers £20 to £23 10/-, small, etc., £14 to £18 and £19 apiece.

DUBLIN PIG MARKET (North Circular road), Thursday.—There were 1,746 head of swine penned for sale, being near 300 less than on last Thursday. The attendance of home and shipping buyers was fuller, and included most of the absentees of last week. Trade all round proved more energetic, but particularly so for small-weight hogs for local and English porker requirements. In fact, the cross-Channel demand is growing conspicuously of late for so-called porkets, which at current prices must work out dear in carcase when export and other expenses are reckoned with. Generally sizeable and stout quality hogs recovered, perhaps, 2/- to 5/- per cwt. of previous depression, but on medium to heavy descriptions of swine there was no apparent appreciation in values. Prime quality small-weight hogs around 67/6 to 70/- and 72/6 per cwt., medium weights 63/- to 66/-, heavy around 60/-, coarse classes of swine 50/- to 57/6, all dead reckoning.

BIRMINGHAM, Thursday.—Good supply pigs, with business inclined to be quiet, and sows weakening. Sizeable bacons 14/-, small pigs round 15/-, and sows 10/- to 11/- per score, dead weight.

BRISTOL, Thursday.—Market still under restrictions. Beef in country markets 100/- per cwt. Best quality mutton 1/3 to 1/4. Market will be declared free as from Saturday next.

LEVER'S Linseed, Coconut, Palm Nut Cakes and Meals; Pig Meal, Calf Meal. Agent—William Rourke, 36 North Circular road, Dublin.—(Advt.)

GRAIN.

FLOATING GRAIN CARGOES—BALTIC, Thursday.—WHEAT—Cargoes remain quiet, but Plate shippers required full rates, in view of unfavourable crop news; on the other hand large Russian shipments tended to counteract any advance in rates. No. 1 Northern Manitoba January sellers 43/9, No. 2 ditto 43/-. Pacific January 46/3. Australian January-February 45/6. Rosafe 63½lbs. January-February 43/-. Black Sea on sample December-January 44/6. Parcels steady but quiet: No. 1 Northern Manitoba December-January sold 43/4½, January-February 43/-. Australian Jan.-Feb. sellers 44/9, Rosafe 63½lbs. Dec.-Jan. 43/-. Black Sea Dec.-Jan. 44/6 per 480lbs. MAIZE—Cargo market inactive, but price steady: Plate steamers afloat sellers 34/3, loading 39/3. No. 6 yellow African afloat 38/6, Gal.-Fox. December-January 38/3. Parcels move off slowly at about late rates; Plate November-December and December-January sellers 37/7½ Gal.-Fox. December 38/6, Bessarabian ditto 39/- per 480lbs. BARLEY quiet and featureless. Cargoes of Black Sea January sellers 31/3, Karachi December 31/9 per 400lbs. Parcels unaltered. OATS steady; Plate f.a.q. afloat 20/9, January-February 20/1½. No. 2 Canadian Western December-January 24/-. No. 2 feed ditto 22/-. Danubian afloat 20/- per 320lbs.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—This market will be closed from one o'clock on Monday, December 24, until Thursday morning, December 27, for the Christmas holidays. Higher quotations from America and the Argentine were somewhat offset by heavy Russian shipments, but forward deliveries of WHEAT here showed a moderate improvement at the outset, and further improved on easier sterling exchange, though finished under best at a moderate advance on the day. C.i.f. parcels of No. 1 Manitoba January sold at 43/1½, December 43/4½, Rosario-Santa Fe January-February 41/6 per quarter. C.i.f. parcels of River Plate MAIZE December-January sold at 37/4½, afloat 37/- per quarter. Wheat on the spot steady at late rates. Maize spot parcels firm, with River Plate and yellow South African quoted 8/- to 8/1, white African 8/- to 8/2, and Gal.-Fox. 7/10 to 7/11 per cental. FLOUR in moderate request at late rates. Graded red wheat futures opened ½d. to ¾d. per cental dearer, further improved, and ½d. to ¾d. advance was realised, then receded, and closed only ½d. to ⅜d. over last night. Maize options nominally unchanged.

MANCHESTER, Thursday.—English wheat 42/6 to 43/- free on rail. Maize—Plate spot around 8/3, flat white South African 8/4, broken yellow 8/2. Oats—English 9/6 to 10/-. English beans 10/3 to 10/6.

PROVISIONS.

LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—IRISH and DANISH BACON meets a fair demand and prices are steadily maintained. Canadian Wiltshires quiet but steady at late rates. American selections of bacon here show no quotable change in values, Chicago cables having no effect, but arrivals at this port are smaller, and, with the steadier feeling in Danish, holders are less disposed to make concessions, despite the continued limited demand. HAMS are again quiet, and long cut reduced 1/- to 2/- to 92/- to 95/- per cwt. Shoulders quiet and unaltered for squares, while picnics have become scarce and are raised 2/- to 58/- to 63/- per cwt. LARD on the spot is again offered very sparingly, and with a moderate demand prices have improved 6d. to 1/- per cwt.; prime steam now at 76/- to 78/6 and American refined 80/- to 80/6 per cwt. CHEESE quiet and favouring buyers on both white and coloured, Canadian trading being of a hand-to-mouth character. BUTTER also attracts little attention and prices tend downwards. New Zealand being now reduced to 220/- to 223/- per cwt. EGGS firmer, with Irish hen quoted 30/- to 35/-, Polish 14/- to 14/6, and Egyptian 11/3 to 11/6 per 120.

PATRICK KEHOE, LTD., Irish Bacon Curers and Lard Refiners. Importers of American Provisions. (Estd. 100 years).—103 FRANCIS ST., DUBLIN.—(Advt.)

REFINED LARD "FUTURES"—LIVERPOOL, Thursday.—Chicago finished about as expected, and little change took place here at the commencement of operations, though offerings were afterwards made more freely, and prices showed a decline of 6d. to 9d. per cwt. at the end of the early session; December quoted 77/6 to 77/-, January sold at 73/6 to 73/-, and May 71/- to 70/9 per cwt. Afternoon cables were dearer, but values here further receded, closing 3d. to 1/- lower on the day. December sold at 77/3, January 73/, to 72/9, March 72/-, and May 70/9 to 70/6 per cwt.

DUBLIN VEGETABLE MARKET, Thursday.—Market rather heavily supplied for a mid-week fixture, but sales satisfactorily supported in the main, with a good ultimate clearance. Cauliflowers 3/- to 4/- and 4/6 per dozen, seconds 1/6 to 2/-, sprouts 2/6 to 3/6 per float; celery cheaper, 1/- to 3/- and 4/- per bundle; a few special lots more; York cabbage 15/- to 20/-, 25/-, 30/-, 35/-, and 40/- per load; Savoy 25/- to 35/- per load; Swede turnips 1/6 to 2/- per cwt.; white turnips 2d. to 5d. and 6d. per bundle; carrots 1/3 to 1/9 and 2/- per dozen ditto; artichokes 1/6 to 2/- per float; parsley 4d. to 9d. and 9d. per tray and 1/6 to 2/3 per bag; thyme 3d. to 5d. per bunch; eggs 4d. to 6d.

DUBLIN WHOLESALE POATO, Thursday.—Trade slow and limited for potatoes. Values indicate an easier undertone; quality generally unsatisfactory.

CORK BUTTER, Thursday.—The market maintained its active tone, and business continues brisk. Choicest salted 236/- per cwt.; creameries 224/-, farmers' fresh deliveries 160/-.

DUBLIN FISH, Thursday.—There was a tolerably big fish supply forward this morning from country and local sources, including 430 boxes of stuff from five steam trawls; also came in 40 packages herrings and six chests lobsters. Trade good all round for fresh quality fish. First size lobsters 25/- to 30/- per 12, others 5/- to 10/-, 15/- to 17/6, and 20/- per 12 average; turbot 1/- to 15/- and 20/-; brill 5d. to 3/- and 4/- each, best soles 35/- to 45/- and 55/- per 3 pairs, mediums 20/- to 30/-, slips 5/- to 10/- and 15/- per lot; best plaice 5/- to 8/- per 4, others 5/- to 8/- per 2, half boxes plaice 50/- to 105/-, white soles 40/- to 60/- and 70/-, codfish 45/- to 85/-, hake 60/- to 95/-, haddocks 30/- to 50/-, pollack 30/- to 40/-, ling 30/- to 50/-, conger eels 25/- to 35/-, whiting 15/- to 25/- and 30/-, ray 20/- to 30/-, gurnard 5/- to 8/- and 10/-, herrings 20/- to 35/-.

LONDON CENTRAL MEAT, Thursday.—Scotch sides, long 7/- to 7/8, short 8/- to 8/6. English 4/4 to 5/8, Irish 4/4 to 5/8. Mutton quiet; Scotch tegs 9/- to 9/8, wethers 7/8 to 8/8, ewes 4/- to 5/-. English wethers 7/4 to 8/8. Lamb quiet; Scotch hills 7/4 to 9/-. Imported 7/- to 7/2.

LONDON POTATO, Thursday.—Liberal supplies moved off quietly at late rates. Lincoln King Edwards 7/- to 8/-, Arran Chief 6/6, Majestic 6/- to 7/-, blackland King Edwards 6/- to 6/6, and Evergoods 5/- to 5/6 and 6/- per cwt.

BRISTOL, Thursday.—English wheat scarce, 43/- per quarter. Millers show more interest in foreign, particularly for early requirements: No. 1 Northern Manitoba 48/- to 48/6. Grinding barley in good demand, 6d. dearer. Maize steady at firm prices. Oats—More inquiry at unchanged rates.

PRODUCE.

LONDON, Thursday.—SUGAR—The buoyant tone which has been a feature in this market for some time past was again in evidence to-day, and prices for all refined goods were well maintained, in face of available supplies being exceptionally meagre at this period of the year. Business in general disclosed a freer movement, certain gaps in stocks having apparently to be filled up on the part of some distributors. Meantime supplies reaching the United Kingdom from Continental beet producing countries are on a decidedly small scale, and condition of some consignments from Czecho-Slovakia leaves a good deal to be desired, while showing signs of considerable delay in transit. Raw, refining kinds are really unquotable, as a lack of definite offers is still marked. Of British refined, in which a fair clearance was effected, Tate and Lyle's cubes remained at 63/6 to 64/6 as to quality, gran. 60/7½ to 61 1½, Jan. delivery 61/6, Feb. 61/-, March 59/6; yellow crystals spot 56/1½; white Java spot 57/3 to 57/6, and May-June steamer 27/3 c.i.f. London. White Mauritius crystals spot changed hands at 57/3. Of Dutch, J gran. spot done 57/6; Czecho gran. spot 58/-, Dec. shipment sold 29/6, and Jan.-March 29/- to 29/1½ f.o.b. Hamburg. Belgian gran. ready found buyers at 29/6 f.o.b. Antwerp and Ghent. White terminal market firmer on stimulating cables from America, and business proceeded with fair freedom; Dec. delivery sold 29/9, March 28/9, May 28/6 to 28/4½ to 28/6, June 28/3, and Aug. 28/- per cwt.

COFFEE—Spot market firm, especially for all mild parcels, as supplies of such are meagre. Future delivery market quiet. COCOA steady, but quiet, on spot. Accra firm, and F.F. quality Feb.-April sold 27/6 per cwt. f.o.b. terms. TEA—In auction about 5,000 packages Java and Sumatra were offered, and met a good demand at firm rates, particularly with regard to all fine liquoring teas. Pekoe sold 10¼d. to 1/7, broken ditto 1/2½ to 1/8, Pekoe Souchong 1/2½ to 1/4½, orange Pekoe 1/3½ to 1/7½, and broken orange 1/3 to 1/7½ per lb. in bond. RICE—This market took a sharp upward turn for Eastern grain, in face of the forecast of crop by the Burmese Government showing a decrease of about 20 per cent. against last season at 1,900,000 tons, against 2,450,000 tons last year. Meantime shippers withdraw all offers of new crop positions, while present crop two stars Rangoon spot now quoted 16/6, afloat parcels sold 15/9, and Dec. 15/6 c.f.i. London. Spanish and American sorts very sparingly offered. JAPANESE PEAS on spot 26/6 per cwt. JUTE—A moderate amount of business was effected, but with sellers more to the fore prices ruled weaker. First grade Dec.-Jan. Continent sold £25, Jan.-Feb. £25 10/- to £25 5/-, and Feb.-March buyers £26 per ton. Hessians and twills dull on about former terms. HEMP—The market for Manila remained generally quiet and without new feature. African sisal unaltered, and Mexican ditto nominal. SHELLAC—A quiet demand; T.N. spot 305/- to 310/-, Dec. 290/-, and March 292/6 per cwt. RUBBER was quietly dealt in, and prices tended against the seller; standard plantation crepe and sheet spot and Dec. sold 1/2¼ to 1/2, Jan. 1/2¼ to 1/2¼, Jan.-March 1/2¼, and April-June 1/2¼. To New York—standard estate sheet Dec.-Jan. sold 1/2¼ and Jan.-Feb. buyers 1/2¼ per lb. c.f.i. terms. Wild sorts slow at previous rates.

CLYDE CRUSHED SUGAR, Thursday.—The supply of ready sugars continued limited, but there is only a moderate inquiry. Prices remain quiet, steady.

MISCELLANEOUS.

BRADFORD WOOL, Thursday.—The strong upward tendency continues. Most qualities of tops are dearer. Topmakers adopt a very independent attitude, and are well booked up on crossbreds. There is a substantial amount of business passing in yarns both on home and export account, and in hosiery, as well as weaving descriptions, prices are higher.

LIVERPOOL COTTON (Closing), Thursday.—American quiet. Brazilian quotations advanced 110 points. East Indian quotations advanced 75 points. Egyptian quiet. December 20.24d., January 20.21d., February 20.17d., March 20.15d., April 20.05d., May 20.00d. Sales, 5,000 bales. Imports, 12,643 bales. Market weak.

LONDON METALS MARKET.

TIN RISING.

TIN—Market opened dearer, but subsequently slight irregularity prevailed, though closing at about £2 10/- dearer compared with Wednesday's close. A good demand prevailed; standard cash quoted £239 15/- to £240, three months £240 17/6 to £241 2/6, settlement price £240. Sales 1,150 tons; standard late December £240 to £241 10/-, early January £241 to £242, and January £242, three months £242, £243 10/-, down to £240 10/-, and finally £241. COPPER steady for cash, but forward positions slightly easier, trading being on a small scale. Standard cash quoted £62 5/- to £62 7/6, three months £62 17/6 to £63, settlement price £62 5/-. Sales 600 tons, including cash at £62 5/- to £62 3/9, and best at £62 5/-, early January £62 7/6, three months £63 2/6 to £62 18/9. Electros £67 10/- to £68. LEAD firmer, and 900 tons sold. December £31 12/6 to £31 15/-, January £31, March £29 15/-, April £29 10/- to £29 12/6. SPELTER steady, with a good demand. 2,000 tons changed hands, December at £32 5/-, January £32 12/6, February £32 15/-, and March £32 13/9 to £32 12/6 per ton. TIN-PLATES unaltered.

LONDON FREIGHTS—Thursday.

Homeward chartering was on a fair scale, while chiefly confined to foodstuffs, and rates remained quite steady in the principal sections. River Plate charterers continue to display fair interest in new season's loading, and medium size steamers up river to U.K.-Continent February, also March-April, quoted at 24/-. Lumber from Rosario to New York can repeat 5¾ dollars up to April, while full rates are offering for nitrate to Europe and the United States. North Pacific grain paid 34/6 for a large steamer to U.K.-Continent, with late rates ruling to the Orient. North American grain moves off quietly, and tramp rates to Continent quoted 14 to 14½ cents, West Italy 17½ cents per 100lbs. Coal quiet at recent quotations. Eastern markets firm; Bombay on dead weight quoted 26/-. Mauritius sugar paid, with similar cargoes from Cuba quoted at 21/6 to U.K.-Continent. Australian grain shippers paid 33/9 for a January-February sailer to U.K.-Continent. Black Sea grain December-January done at 13/3 to Continent, while Alexandria cottonseed maintains 11/- per 60 cubic feet to Hull. Outward coal in better request and rates generally steady. Fixtures—Helmsdale, 6,250 tons, 20 per cent., San Lorenzo to U.K.-Gibraltar-Hamburg, 20th February-10th March, 24/-, heavy grain; Bretwalda, 7,000 tons, 10 per cent., Bahia Blanca to U.K.-Continent, February-March, 25/6, heavy grain; steamer, 7,000 tons, North Pacific to Japan January, 6¼ dollars, wheat, flour; steamer, 9,000 tons, 10 per cent., Vancouver to picked port U.K.-Continent, 25th February-15th March, 34/6, heavy grain, option two ports of discharge 1/- per ton extra; Ikbarry, 5,000 tons, Vladivostock to Hull-Rotterdam-Hamburg, December-January, 35/-, option North Europe 37/6, beans; Nordic Dalny, Vladivostock to U.K.-Continent February, 31/3, beans; Furness Dalny, Vladivostock to U.K.-Continent, including North Europe, January-February, 31/3, beans; steamer, 5,500 tons, 7,000 tons, Dunkirk to U.K.-Continent, 31/3, rice; steamer, 7,000 tons, 30/- sugar; Port Stanley, sailer, South Australia to U.K.-Continent, January-February, 3,600 tons, 33/9, heavy grain; Ithaki, 6,600 tons, 10 per cent., Black Sea to Bordeaux-Hamburg December-January, 13/3, heavy grain; steamer, 5,500 tons, also to Algiers prompt, 8/6, coal; steamer, 6,200 tons, Wales to Alexandria prompt, 9/3, coal; steamer, Wales to Marseilles prompt, 9/-, coal; steamer, 5,500 tons, Wales to Buenos Ayres, December-January, 13/9, coal; steamer, 6,000 tons-6,500 tons, Wales to Rio de Janeiro, early January, 12/6, coal.

THE MONEY MARKET.

RAPID DEFLATION.

EXCHANGES REACT.

Deflation arising from repayment of Ways and Means advances continues very rapid. Following Wednesday's revenue return disclosures, there is the later evidence of the Bank return itself, which shows that market resources—"other deposits"—have been reduced by 19¾ millions to under 117 millions. This was food for reflection on the part of Lombard street, and as a consequence a steadier tendency developed in discounts. Accommodation was still offered until late in the month at 2 p.c., and could be obtained over the turn of the year at 2½-3 p.c. Business was very slow in discounts, with rates harder for choice, fine three months' bank bills being 3 5/16-3⅜ p.c. However, so long as the political uncertainties obtain, money is likely to remain relatively abundant. Night money was dearer, none being obtainable under 1½ p.c., the bulk of the business being done at 1½-2 p.c., fixtures going on at 2½ p.c. The new Treasuries were fully 3¼ p.c., and there was no inquiry for short-dated paper, Januarys being 3-3 1/16 p.c. and Februarys 3 1/16 p.c.

Bank Rate (discount changed July 5, 1923, 4%.

60 days (fine)	3⅛	3⅛	Trade	4	4½%
3 months	3⅛	3⅛		4¼	4¾%
4 months	3⅛	3⅛		4½	5%
6 months	3⅛				
Loans to brokers day-to-day				2	1½%
for a week				2½	2%
Deposit allowance: Banks at call				2	%
Discount houses, at call				2	%
at notice				2¼	%

Gold rose 5d. per oz. to 94s. 6d. Silver advanced 1/16d. per oz. for both spot and forward delivery to 33 7/16d. and 32⅞d. respectively.

As a rule, the feeling in the market for Foreign exchange was not quite so cheerful yesterday, and the result was a slight reaction in values. Argentine dollars had a further improvement to 40-40 1/16, but Brazil milreis weakened to 4 15/16-5 1/16 and Chili to 41.00. Rupees were steadier at 1s. 5 3/16d.-1s. 5 5/16d., while Japanese yen were harder at 2s. 1⅞d. to 2s. 1 11/16d. German marks were 18-19 billions nominal, Poland 15-18 millions, Switzerland being dull at 25.07-25.10. Exceptionally, Dutch currency became dearer on the rise in the Bank rate there, the quotation being 11.43⅞-11.44. Sterling moved rather freely on New York, the rate being 4.36⅞-4.37, and francs were cheaper, with Paris 82.05-82.15, after 82.60, and Belgium 95.05-95.15, after 95.45. Italy was quoted 100 1/16-100 11/16. The following are closing quotations:—

—	December 13.		December 12.		Normal Rate.
Alexandria	97⅛		97⅛		97½
Amsterdam	11.44	11.45⅛	11.46	11.46⅛	12.10
B. Ayres	40	40⅛	39⅛	35⅛	47.58
Barcelona	33.51	33.53	33.52	33.55	25.22
Berlin	19⅛ Billions		18 Billions		20.40
Bombay	1/5		1/5	1/5 5/32	2/0
Brussels	94.90	95.10	94.90	95.00	25.22½
Calcutta	1/5		1/5	1/5 5/32	2/0
Christiania	29.08	29.12	29.13	29.16	18.15
Copenhagen	24.50	24.53	24.53	24.56	18.15
Czecho-Slov	149	149⅛	149⅛	149⅛	—
Finland	176⅛	177	177	177⅛	25.22½
Greece	246	256	240	250	25.22½
Hong Kong	2/3⅛		2/3⅛	2/4⅛	—
Hungary	82,000	88,000	80,000	95,000	—
Italy	100⅛	100⅛	100⅛	100 11/16	25.22½
Lisbon	1⅛	1⅛	1⅛	2	53⅛d.
Madrid	33.50	33.54	33.52	33.54	25.22½
Mexico	26⅛d		26⅛d		24⅛d.
Montreal	4.48	4.48⅛	4.49⅛	4.50⅛	4.86
Montevideo	43	43⅛	42⅛	42⅛	51d.
New York	4.36⅛	4.36	4.37⅛	4.37⅛	4.86
Paris	82.05	82.15	82.10	82.20	25.22
Poland	17,000,000 sellrs		16,500,000		—
RiodeJan.	5	5 1/16	5⅛	5 1/16	16d.
Roumania	850	865	840	860	—
Shanghai	3/4⅛		3/3⅛	3/4⅛	—
Singapore	2/4⅛		2/4⅛		2/4½
Stockholm	16.59	16.61	16.63	16.65	18.15
Switzerland	25.05	25.07	25.10	25.15	25.22
Valparaiso	41.00		40.80		13.33
Vienna	308,000	313,000	310,000	315,000	—
Yokohama	2/2	2/2⅛	2/1⅛	2/1⅛	24.

The Times quotation for the German mark to-day is 19 billions.

ON VIEW TO-DAY. AUCTION TO-DAY AT

COX'S AUCTION ROOMS, 29 BACHELOR'S WALK,

A MAGNIFICENT COLLECTION OF SUPERIOR

ANTIQUE & MODERN FURNITURE, PIANOS, &c.,

COMPRISING PRINCIPALLY:—FRENCH ORMOLU-MOUNTED CHINA DISPLAY AND OTHER CABINETS, INLAID CURIO CHEST, GILT-FRAMED DRAWING-ROOM CHAIRS, HAIR-STUFFED CHESTERFIELD SET, INLAID ROSEWOOD CABINETS AND OVERMANTELS TO MATCH, MOUNTED MAHOGANY PALM STANDS, MAHOGANY CABINETS, CHIPPENDALE DESIGN, AND OVERMANTELS TO MATCH; TWO PAIRS SILK TAPESTRY CURTAINS AND VALANCES, EQUAL TO NEW, COST 80 GUINEAS; TWO ORMOLU-MOUNTED RECESS CABINETS, MAHOGANY AND GILT-FRAMED WALL MIRRORS, DRAWINGROOM SUITES, TABLES AND OCCASIONAL CHAIRS, FINE GILT AND MARBLE CLOCKS, MAHOGANY AND GILT-FRAMED OVERMANTELS, DECORATIVE AND OTHER CHINA, BRASS FENDERS AND FIRE BRASSES, MAHOGANY INLAID OVAL AND ROUND TABLES, ON PILLAR AND CLAW; PICTURES, COLOURED PRINTS AND ENGRAVINGS; FIRE AND BANNER SCREENS, MAHOGANY SCREW DINING TABLES, 6, 10, AND 12 FEET LONG, PERFECT CONDITION; SHEFFIELD DISH COVERS AND TABLE CENTRES; SET OF 8 CHIPPENDALE CHAIRS, CLAW AND BALL LEGS; GLASS-BACK MAHOGANY AND OAK SIDEBOARDS, SEVERAL SETS OF MAHOGANY AND OAK DINING CHAIRS, 6, 8, AND 12in. EACH; COAL AND MUSIC CABINETS, PIANO AND MUSIC STANDS; A FEW LOTS OF SHEFFIELD PLATE AND JEWELLERY TO CLOSE AN EXECUTOR'S ACCOUNT, INCLUDING LADY'S HALF-HOOP DIAMOND RING; A SUPERIOR COLLECTION OF BEDROOM FURNISHING, INCLUDING 6ft. 6in. BURR WALNUT SUITE, 7ft. BREAKFRONT GLASS-DOOR MAHOGANY WARDROBE, FITTED WITH TRAYS AND CHEST OF DRAWERS; 6ft. INLAID ASH SUITE, 5-PIECES; ANTIQUE MAHOGANY CHEST OF DRAWERS, 2 EDINBORO' DO.; 7 BEDROOM SUITES, IN MAHOGANY, SATIN WALNUT, AND DARK WALNUT, SIZES 3ft. TO 5ft.; MAHOGANY DRESSING TABLES, WASHSTANDS, PEDESTALS AND PRESSES; 4 TOILET GLASSES; ALL-BRASS AND BLACK AND BRASS BEDS; WIRES AND CURLED HAIR MATTRESSES; DEAL FURNITURE IN VARIETY, PRESSES, WARDROBES, DEAL DRESSING TABLE, ETC., ETC.; KITCHEN FURNITURE, DRESSERS, TABLES, CHAIRS, MANGLES, DELPH, POTS, PANS AND SAUCEPANS; SOME CARPETS AND LINOLEUM, AND NUMEROUS MISCELLANEOUS EFFECTS; ALSO TWO SWEET-TONED OVERSTRUNG COTTAGE PIANOS. AUCTION COMMENCES AT 12.30. PIANOS SOLD AT 3 O'CLOCK.

JOHN H. COX, F.A.I., AUCTIONEER & VALUER.

ON VIEW THIS DAY.

THREE DAYS' FURNITURE SALE BY AUCTION, TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), MONDAY, & TUESDAY NEXT

(IN CONTINUATION).

ANTIQUE AND MODERN FURNITURE, PIANOFORTES, CARPETS, 1913 MODEL DARRACQ MOTOR CAR (10-12 H.P.), AND VALUABLE EFFECTS, &c.

MESSRS. JAMES HILL AND SON will hold their WEEKLY AUCTIONS TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), MONDAY, AND TUESDAY NEXT, in their Old-Established Rooms, 9 and 10 BACHELOR'S WALK, comprising principally:—Superior Upright Grand Pianoforte, in rosewood case, by C. Bechstein, "Berlin"; Full Grand, in rosewood case, by "Kranl"; two other Sweet-toned Cottage Pianofortes, by eminent makers; Chubb's Fireproof Safe, French Gilt Cabinet, Ebonised China Cabinet, seven-piece Sheraton Drawingroom Suite, in tapestry; Set of eight Jacobean Oak Panel-back Chairs, covered in Morocco; marble-top Tables, Mirrors, Walnut and Satinwood Bedroom Suite of six pieces, with Double Bedstead to match; another high-class Carved Oak 4ft. 6in. Bedroom Suite of three pieces, excellent seven-piece Suites Suite, in tapestry; several high-class Carved Mahogany, Walnut and Oak Enclosed Sideboards, with lofty mirror backs; eight superior Mahogany, Oak and Walnut Screw-expanding Dining Tables, with extra leaves, in sizes from 6 to 12-feet long; several Wardrobes, 4, 5, 6 and 12 each, of Mahogany-frame Dining Chairs, in Morocco and other coverings; Fancy and Occasional Chairs and Tables, Mahogany Round and Oval Parlour Tables, on pillar-and-claw; exceptionally fine Rosewood Inlaid Overmantel Glass, mirrors, in mahogany, walnut, oak and gilt frames; Hall Stand and Chairs, Brass Fenders and Fire Brasses, Coal Cabinets, &c.; Bedroom, Dining-room and Drawing-room Carpets, Linoleum, Rugs, Hearthrugs, Duchesse Pairs, Wardrobes, Chests of Drawers, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Presses, Commodes, several All-Brass Bedsteads, Black-and-Brass and Wooden Bedsteads, with Woven-wire Spring and Hair Mattresses and Bedding; also a large collection of Kitchen and Deal Furniture, Mangles, Presses, Chairs, Tables, Dressers, Pots, Pans, saucepans, Pictures, Paintings, Engravings, Wall Pump, in working order, Garden Tools, Typewriters and miscellaneous effects. FULL PARTICULARS IN TO-MORROW'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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N. R. BIRNEY'S SALES.

THURSDAY, 20TH DECEMBER, 1923, AT THE HOUR OF 10.30 O'CLOCK.

COUNTY OF TYRONE.—IMPORTANT SALE OF VALUABLE FREEHOLD RESIDENTIAL FARM OF LAND, STOCK, &c.,

FOR MR. R. LIVINGSTONE, WHO HAS PURCHASED OTHER PROPERTY.

TO SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION, ALL THAT

FARM OF LAND IN THE TOWNLAND OF GARVAGHEY.

PARTICULARS—The Farm contains 66a. 3r. 0p., or thereabouts, Statute measure, purchased under the Land Act of 1903, and vested subject to the half-yearly instalment of £15 4s. 3d., payable to the Minister of Finance, Northern Ireland. It is situated within one-and-a-half miles of the important fair and market town of Irvinestown, nine miles from Enniskillen, four from Ballinamallard, and one-and-a-half from Trillick, in the centre of a good grazing and agricultural district, adjoining the County road; is well supplied with spring and running water. The fields are all from one-and-a-half to four acres in extent, with the best of fences, and there is an almost everlasting supply of black turbary within the ambit. The Land is all dry and rich, and cattle can remain out during the winter. There is a good orchard and neat garden on it.

The Buildings, which are the best in the district, are situated on a nice elevation, about 20 perches from the County road, consist of a two-and-a-half storey slated Dwellinghouse, about 10 years erected with cement, with a beautiful lawn in front, and contains hall, drawingroom, diningroom, breakfast-room, kitchen, with range, scullery and pantry; six large bedrooms and three servants' rooms, all in the best of repair, newly papered and painted; 10-cow byre, three-horse stable, two-horse stable, potato, turf, calf, fowl and machinery houses; large hay shed, on iron pillars, 50 x 20 x 17, all arranged so as to form an enclosed yard.

The Farming Implements, Machinery and Household Furniture and Stock will be Sold at a later date.

Terms.—For Land, a deposit of £200, with Auction Fees, to be paid on purchaser being declared, balance on completion. All other Effects with Fees at time of Sale.

N. R. BIRNEY, AUCTIONEER, LISNASKEA.

IMPORTANT SALE THIS DAY OF AN EXTENSIVE COLLECTION OF VERY FASHIONABLE

ANTIQUE AND MODERN FURNITURE,

PIANOFORTES, CARPETS, SILVER AND PLATED WARE, CHINA AND ORNAMENTAL EFFECTS, AND A MISCELLANEOUS COLLECTION OF FANCY GOODS,

AT THE DUBLIN AUCTION ROOMS, 25 BACHELOR'S WALK, THIS DAY (FRIDAY), AT 12.30 PROMPT.

J. J. TORMEY, M.I.A.A., AUCTIONEER & VALUER, 25 BACHELOR'S WALK.

MESSRS. HAZLEY & CO. WILL SELL BY PUBLIC AUCTION the entire elegant Antique and Modern Furniture and Effects, including Superb Drawingroom, Diningroom, and Bedroom Appointments.

For particulars see future announcements.

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DOMESTICS DISENGAGED.

LADY wishes to highly recommend married Woman for House Work; splendid worker; quick, honest, reliable; hours of work 7.30 o'clock to 2 o'clock, or 3 o'clock to 6 o'clock.—D 1033, this office. 10 F

RESPECTABLE Woman wants Daily Work; good reference.—2 0 957, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 12 A

SERVANTS' REGISTRY.
HOURS: { 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Servants. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. for Ladies.
Saturdays, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
31 WESTMORELAND STREET, DUBLIN. 7

COOKS AND DAIRYMAIDS DISENGAGED.

GOOD Cook, Job or permanent, city, suburbs; highly recommended.—D 1177, this office.

WANTED, a place as Plain Cook; highly recommended; in city; disengaged on 29th.—Z 3544, this office.

YOUNG Cook General, disengaged; suburbs.—D 1244, this office.

GENERALS DISENGAGED.

EXPERIENCED General Servant, highly recommended, disengaged end December, desires good situation.—D 1200, this office. 13 B

EXPERIENCED General, plain cook, take waiting; highly recommended.—5 Middle Gardiner street, Dublin.

GENERAL, plain cooking, small family; country preferred; well recommended.—D 1176, this office.

GENERAL, disengaged after Xmas; young country girl; business house preferred.—D 1239, this office. 13 F

HOUSE AND PARLOURMAIDS DISENGAGED.

RESPECTABLE young girl desires training as Housemaid or Children's Maid; highly recommended.—D 1174, this office.

YOUNG Girl, like appearance, Irish Housemaid or Light House Parlourmaid.—D 1175, this office. 12 A

NURSES DISENGAGED.

TRAINED Nursery Colleges (Certificate), R.C. Nurse desires post (lady's family); highly recommended; disengaged.—Z 3502, Nurse," this office.

YOUNG Girl desires training as Children's Maid; good reference.—D 1173, this office.

KITCHEN, LAUNDRY, ETC., DISENGAGED.

FIRST class Head Laundress; also second; highest references; cottage otherwise.—D 1248, this office.

SPECIFIC ARTICLES.

AT KELLY'S, 48 FLEET STREET.—Engagement Rings—A magnificent selection of Second-hand Rings in Diamond Two, Three, Five-Stone Gipsy, Marquise and Cluster Rings, set with Diamonds, Emeralds, Rubies, Sapphires, and Pearls; also of the finest quality, brilliancy, and colour. T

ANVILS, Fencing Vices, Galvanised Plain Fencing Wire, and Crab Winches for Sale; large stock.—McGowan Bros., 46Ann street, Dublin. 7

A SOLID Gold Bracelet Watch, 15 jewel lever, expanding bracelet, best value in Ireland, 10 year guarantee, £5; also few at £3 10s.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A FINE 3 stone Diamond Ring, set all platinum, second-hand, cost £70; selling at £42.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A FINE £25 5 Stone Diamond Ring, set platinum; selling at £15.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A FINE Single Stone Diamond Ring, second-hand, weight 2½ grains, cost £150, to be Sold at £85.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A SOLID Silver Brush and Comb Mirror, suitable as case, usually sold at £12 10s., to-day at £10.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A LARGE collection of Second-hand Diamond and Jewellery Selling at half original prices.—Moore and Stoker, 24 Grafton street. 10 A

A FINE Oriental Agate collection, Double Rings and Brooches.—D 1046, this office. 10 F

A TEACHING Piano for Sale, 50 Guineas; also Violin, Violoncello, Double Bass, Flutes, Clarinet, Cornet, Fretted Instruments, Metronomes, Music Stands, Cases, Bags, Outfits.—Jones & Co., 7 Crow street. 7

A TRAINED Glen Imaal Terrier, about 1 J. J. M. Bolton, 2 Dawson street.

ARTICLES CONTINUED.

CHRISTMAS Cards—33rd Annual Sale, immense variety. Selections 1/9, 2/6, 3/-, 3/6 and 10/-.—W. Y. Coleman, 8 Henry st., Dublin. 7 T

CHRISTMAS Presents—Cardigan Jackets, 12/6; Golf Stockings, 5/6; Scarfs, 2/6; Neckties, 1s.—2, Scott Cooper, 5 South King street. 12 12

CLOCK, Grandfather regulator, brass dial, inlaid Sheraton mahogany case, stag's head mounted; antique Escritoire; other articles.—D 1210, this office. 12 A

FOR Sale, Rubble Stone Bricks and Slates.—Apply at Pembertown, 23 Charlemont street. 10 F

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SPECIFIC ARTICLES WANTED.

ANTIQUE Silver Cups, Candlesticks, Salvers, Sugar Bowls, etc.; also Diamond Ornaments, Precious Stones, and Old Gold; highest prices given.—West and Son, Grafton House, Grafton street. T

BILLIARD Table, half size, Wanted. State price and where seen to D 950, this office. 10 E

DIAMONDS, Old Gold, Antique Silver, Miniatures, etc. Purchased for cash.—Edmond Johnson, Ltd., 94 Grafton street. 10

FEATHER BEDS WANTED.
Highest Prices Given.
Will send to examine in city.
IRISH FEATHER CO., Ltd., TARA ST., Dublin.
IRISH FIRM. 'Phone 661. 7

GOLD Irish Glass Candlesticks Wanted, with or without drops; Bowls, etc.; state price, etc.—D 1039, this office. 10 A

WANTED collection Irish Birds' Eggs, in clutches; good price paid. Address "Z 3518, Eggs," this office. 10

WANTED to Buy Second Mansions, Novels, Furniture, etc.—Woods, 77 Aungier st. 10 A

WANTED, Filling Cabinet, Blackboard and Easel, cheap.—Potter, 40 Corrig avenue, Dun Laoghaire. 10 E

WANTED, Drawingroom Chest (French); state price, colours and size.—D 1102, this office. 13 F

WANTED, pair of Good Carriage Lamps; good condition; state price.—Hackettstown. 12

1/- A TOOTH paid for Discarded Artificial Teeth; old only wanted. Model Plates extra. Call or write.—L. Danby, 16 Dean street, St. Paul's, Bristol. 7

MACHINERY.

ALL classes Scrap Metal, Machinery, and Contractors' Plant Wanted. Write Quotation.—McGowan Brothers, store st.

ANGLES for Rollers to Steam and Sell.—Apply Petrie and Sons, Model Factory, Portobello road. Erection, Repairs and Alterations executed promptly and efficiently; reasonable prices; all work guaranteed. Estimates free. Contractors for Portobello Bridge, City of Dublin Engineering Works and Model Factory, Portobello road. 'Phone 7

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LOW price each—Double Bent Saw, Horizontal and Chine, Cornice Roller, Horizontal Engine, Mach Bench. Address "Z 3391, Machinery," this office. 11 F

MACHINERY Wanted, Leather, Boot Repairers' Vices, Grinder, etc.; state full particulars.—D 981, this office. 11 F

NATIONAL Gas Engine, 18 h.p., magneto ignition, for Sale; also Rooting Rack, Set Boxes, 20ft. table, with 2 36in. Circular Saws; Shafting and Pulleys to suit. Address "Z 3510, Engine," this office. 12 F

OIL Engines, Grinding Mills, Pumps, Saws, etc.—Wm. Dennison, Dairy Engineering Co. of Ireland, Ltd. 21 and 22 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin. 10 T

PORTABLE 8 N.H.P. Handsome Engine, large firebox, very little used; Single and Double Disc Harrow, also Two and Three Furrow Tractor Ploughs.—D 1075, this office. 10 E

REQUIRED immediately, complete Flaking Plant, capacity from 10 to 12 cwt. per hour; full particulars, Address "Z 3246, Plant," this office. 10 E

TIMBER.

ASH Butts, Wanted, to 12 inch small end; prices, delivered Manorhamilton Station.—T. E. Armstrong, The Mills, Manorhamilton.

WANTED, Sycamore, Elm, Beech, and Larch, Best prices given by Russell Bros., Limited, Portarlington. T

SPORTS AND PASTIMES.

AIR Guns—B.S.A., Genet, Diana, Pellets, Darts, Targets, etc.; large stock; lists free.—L. Keegan, Gunmaker, Lane, Aungier st., Dublin. 12 A

GUNS—Webley and Scott's world renowned Shot Guns, 6 with over half a century of experience behind them; B.S.A. Guns and other makes; illustrated catalogue free; Grut Accessories; all kinds; Gun Repairs by experienced Gunsmith; executed on the premises.—L. Keegan, Gunmaker, Lane, Aungier st., Dublin. 12 1

GARDEN, FARM, BEES, ETC.

ALL Owners of Gardens to ensure best results should see Drummond's Vegetable and Flower Seeds; awarded over 1,000 First Prizes since 1900.—W. Drummond and Son, 57 and 58 Dawson street. T

APPLE Trees, Bramleys, the most profitable or all varieties, strong budded, 16/-, 20/-, and 24/- per dozen; catalogue of fruit trees, forest trees, ornamental shrubs, and hedge plants now ready.—Nash, Nurseries, Athlone. 16 27

AN Excellent Selection of Plants, suitable for table decoration, Christmas presents, etc., in stock at Seed, Bulb, and Plant Merchants, 51/52 Capel street, Dublin. 11 F

A FEW lines still left in Prize Flowering Bulbs, which will be cleared at half price; special list free, send postcard.—Howard's, Seed, Bulb, and Plant Merchants, 51/52 Capel street, Dublin.

APPLES, Pears, Plums, Cherries, Nuts are fully described in Bowen's Nursery Catalogue. Posted free on receipt of postcard to 51/52 Capel street, Dublin.

A BOUT Best Plan—Every small garden can with "up to date" cheap plan produce Choice Fruit in abundance; large tree. Full particulars from Bowen's, 51/52 Capel street, Dublin. 11 F

BOWLS of Bulbs are a sure suitable for Christmas Gift-giving. A nice selection can be inspected at Bowen's, the "Prize Bulb Specialists," 51/52 Capel street, Dublin.

BELLADONA Lillies for Sale, cheap; large flowering bulbs. Apply Graves, Rockenham. Waterloo.

CUT Chrysanthemums for Xmas—Orders over 2/- delivered Dublin free.—Cobb, Duncrue and Fishbourne, Belgany.

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HAMPSHIRE or Fresh Vegetables delivered once or twice weekly in South County Dublin; Table Fowl and Eggs included if desired.—No. 34, Irish Times Branch Office, Rathmines. 12 A

IF you are wanting Spruce, Fences, or Blocks or Wheels, Wheel Barrows, Hard Wood Timber, Alpine Plants, Seed Potatoes, Fruit Trees, Forest Trees, or Shrubs, write Manager, Lissadell, Sligo. T

LILIUM Candidum, the Pure White French 1/67, excellent for pots or outdoor, 3 for 3/-, 6 5/-, 12 10/-, post free.—Bowen's, the Prize Bulb specialists, 51/52 Capel st., Dublin. 11 F

MAY Flowering Tulips Mixed, 4/- 100, postage 9d.—W. Dennison, Wells, Gorey, Ireland. 10 E

MORET'S Xmas Plants. New stock Palms, 17/-, 21/-, and 10/6 each; Aspidistra Palms, 6/-, 7/6, 9/- each; Aspidistras, variegated leaves 3/6, green 3/6 each. 11 B

MACKEY'S Bulbs in Bowls, well rooted stock, 4/6 to 12/6 each; Hyacinths, 6d. each; Daffodils, 1/- each.—Mackey, Sir James W., Ltd., Seedsmen, 23 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin. Established 145 years.

MANGOLDS, any quantity up to 50 tons, delivered Dublin or neighbourhood, £2 per ton.—Johnston, Agricultural Co., Wicklow.

PLANTS for Christmas Decorations, in great variety; prices most moderate.—Bradshaw's, Parliament street. Open on Saturdays till 6 p.m. Carriage paid on Flowering Plants and Cut Flowers. 11

PRUNING Sets, including Secateurs, Gloves, and Tin Grafting Wax, 9/6, 10/6, 12/6, 15/-, post free.—Howard's, "Bulbmen of Quality," 51/52 Capel street, Dublin. 11 F

SPRAY Your Fruit Trees now with Vi. Winter Wash and thus ensure immunity from Insect and Fungoid pests; it is fruiting's greatest friend.—Howard's, 51/52 Capel st., 1 quart 4/6, 1 gallon 7/-, 1 gallon 100 per cent. 18/-, 5 gallons 80/-, Carriage Paid. Sole Agents, 51/52 Capel street, Dublin.

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WALLFLOWER, Scented Orange, also 9" 6" x 9" wide, 12/6 100; good condition.—D 1253, this office.

XMAS Trees for Sale, all sizes.—Arthur Jones, 11 Lower Abbey street, Dublin. 12 F

POULTRY, CAGE BIRDS, DAIRY.

ANNOUNCEMENT—Messrs. Albion Thorpe and Son, Egg Packers, have appointed us their Agents for their well-known Brand. Only pay prices 1/9, 2/-, 2/2, 2/4, 2/6 per doz.—Thos. McKenzie and Sons, Grand Canal street. 6 11

AT Glynn's, Fruit Farm, Clontarf, Hospital.—Apply O'Dwyer, Professor, 2 Sussex terrace.

POULTRY, ETC., CONTINUED.

ALWAYS Sure if you feed on "Laymore" Laying Meal; makes eggs more plentiful, 6/- 14lb., 22/- cwt.; try 14lbs. and be convinced. Dun fresh ground Poultry Mustard just the thing these cold days, 7lbs. 1/-, 14lbs. 1/9.—Thos. Power, 207/8 Ravensdale Mills, 40 Wellington quay, Dublin. 30 X

BEAUTIFUL March Pullets, 5/- each, also young Runner Ducks, laying, 4/6.—14 Fifth road, Rathmines. 10

BEAN, Pollard, Maize Meal, Fish Meal, Meat Meal, Alfalfa, and all Poultry Foods; ask for list.—Mackenzie, Seedsmen, Dublin.

BEES, Famous Queens, half price of packets 4d. per lb., 4/4 stone; highest grade Saltrising Flour, 4/- stone; Best Pastry Flour, 3/-; Best Household, 2/6; Best Kiln-dried, 2/6 stone; Pure Stone Ground Wholemeal, 2/6 stone; Flake, Pinhead and Fine Scotch Oatm